

Figure 1. Illustration of the α subunit residues that can be scanned by the β -subunit carboxyterminus. The α - and β -subunit backbones are shown in dark and light gray ribbons, respectively. The β tail is shown as a black ribbon. The locations of the C_{α} carbons of cysteine substitutions that enabled efficient crosslink between the α subunit residue and the probe cysteine are shown as dark spheres. The lighter gray spheres refer to residues that gave less amounts of crosslink. The small pale spheres refer to cysteine substitutions that led to negligible amount of crosslink. Note that α -subunit residues 90, 91, and 92 appear to be too mobile to be seen in the crystal structure of hCG and the arbitrary positions of these residues shown here are intended only to emphasize their apparent abilities to be latched to the seatbelt.

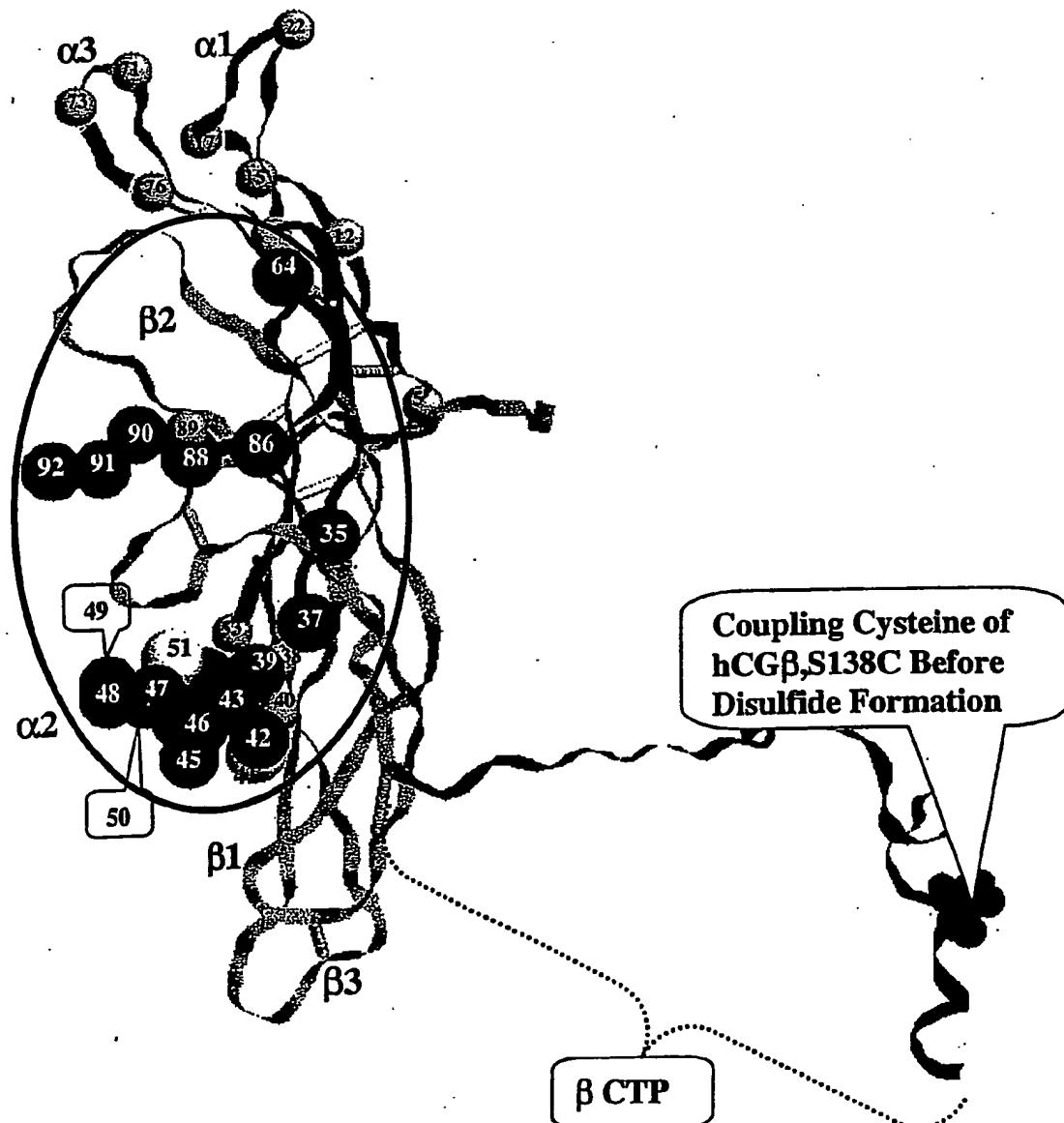


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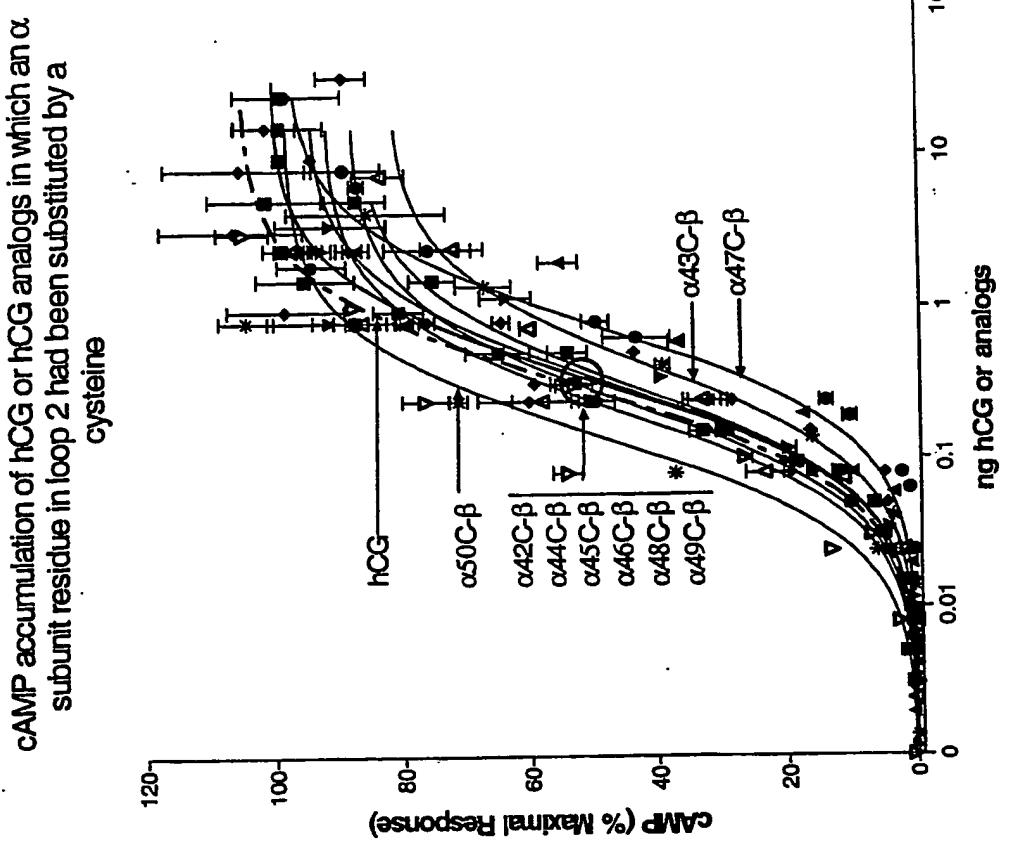
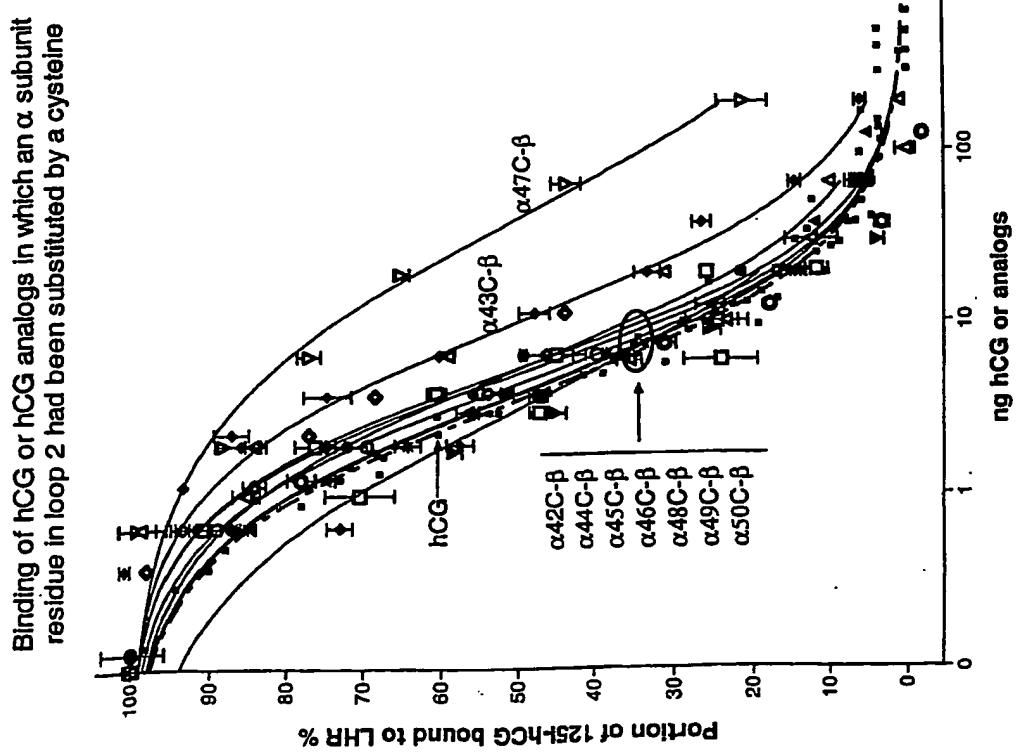
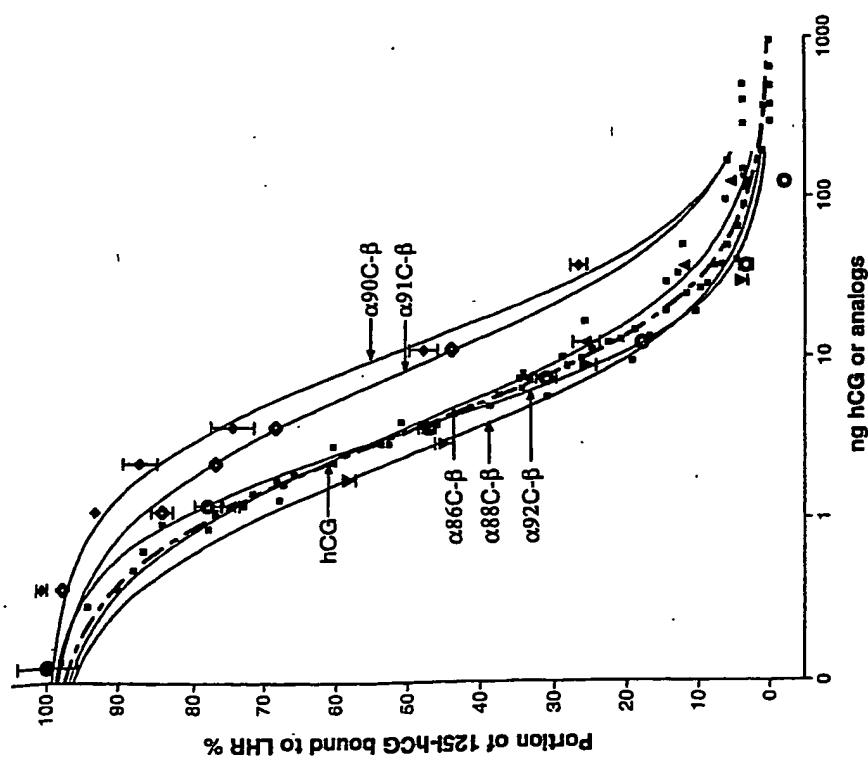


FIGURE 2A

FIGURE 2B

FIGURE 3

Binding of hCG or hCG analogs in which an α subunit residue at the carboxyterminus had been substituted by a cysteine

**FIGURE 3A**

cAMP accumulation of hCG or hCG analogs in which an α subunit residue at the carboxyterminus had been substituted by a cysteine

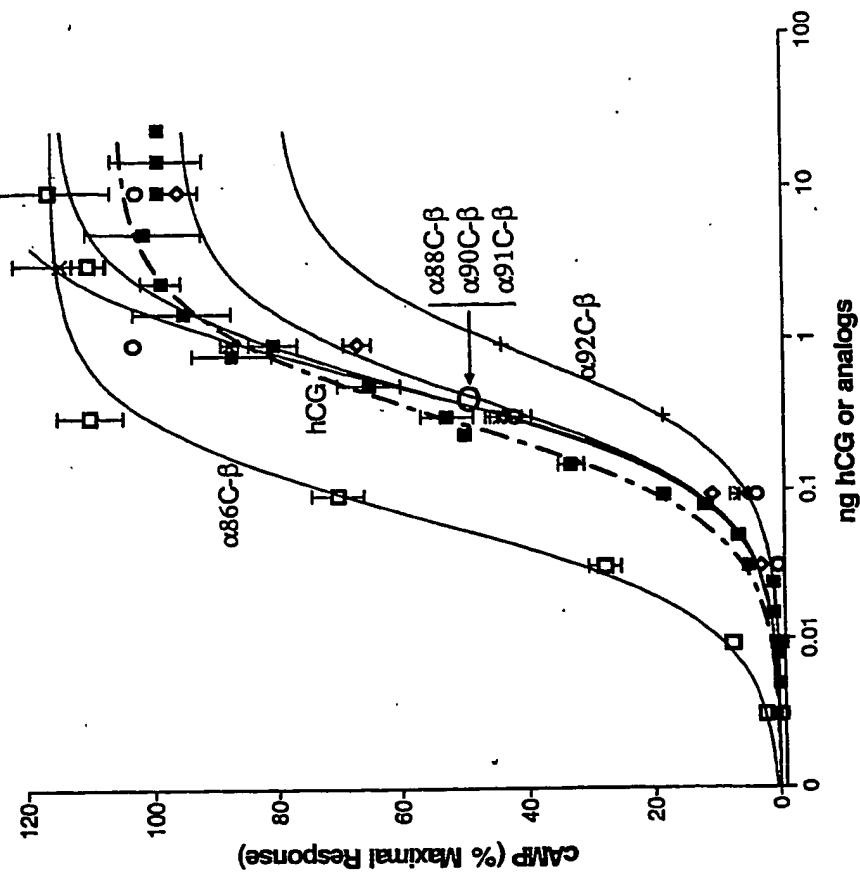
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FIGURE 4

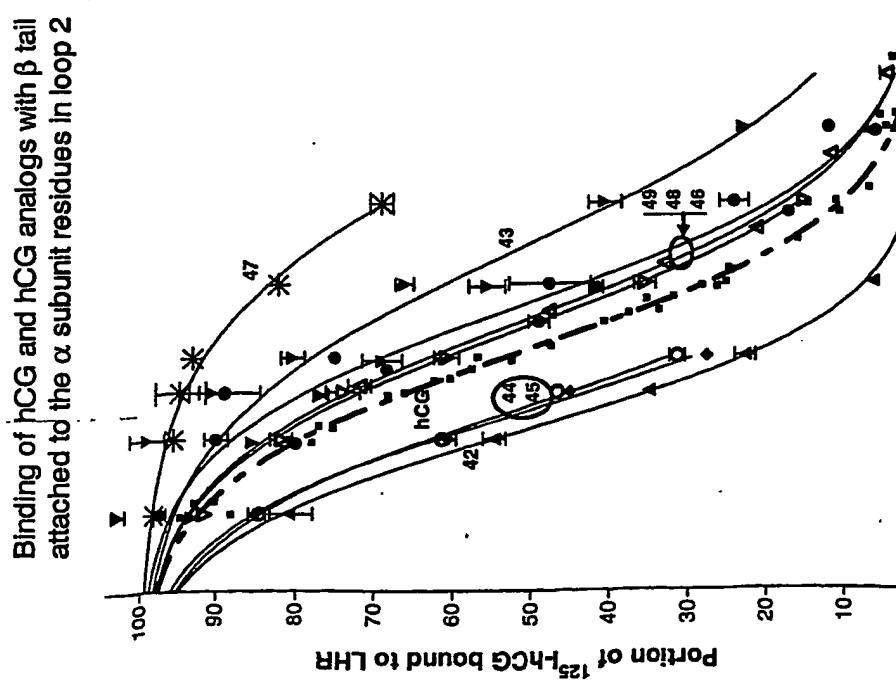


FIGURE 4A

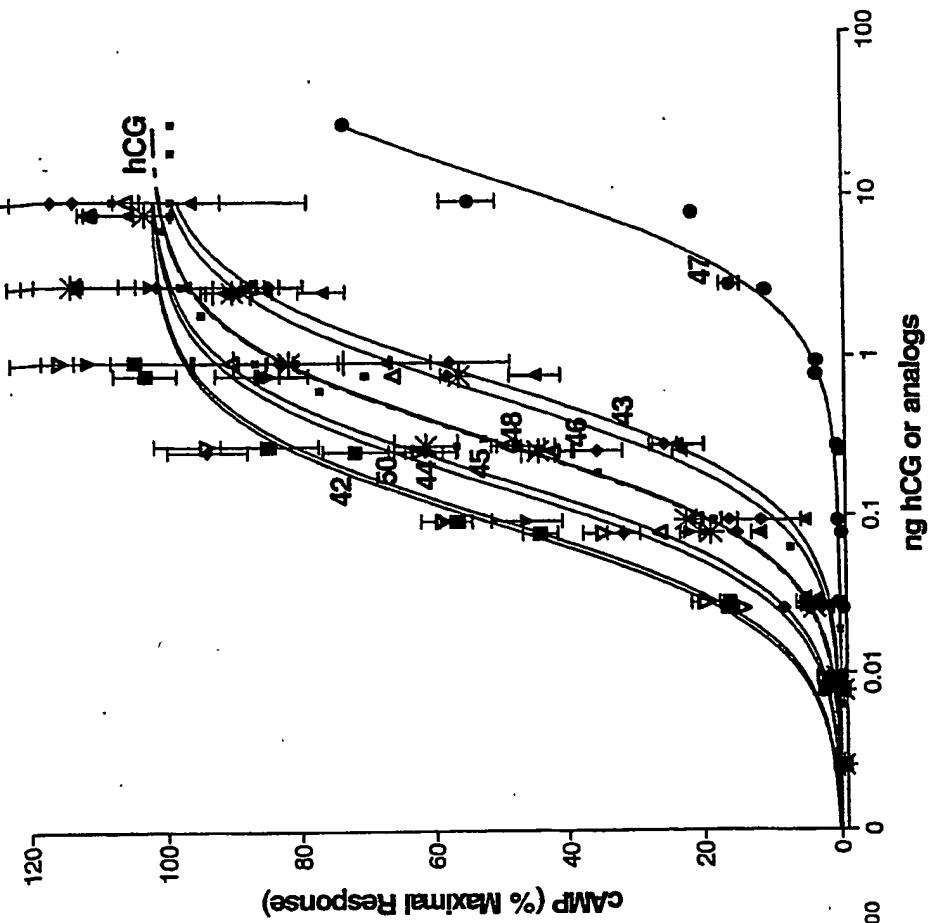
cAMP accumulation of hCG or hCG analogs in which the β tail was attached to the α subunit residues in loop 2

FIGURE 4B

FIGURE 4B

FIGURE 5

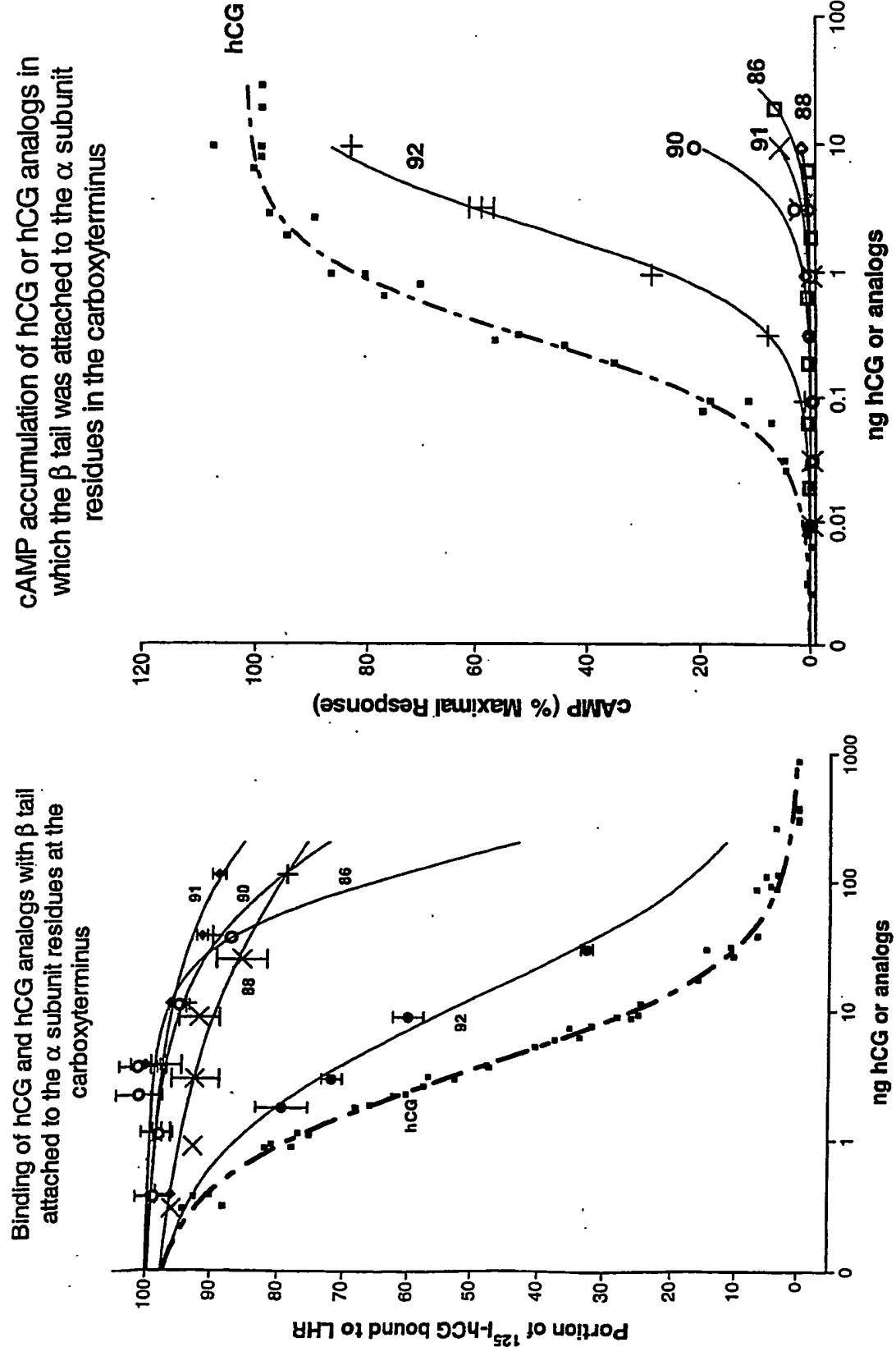


FIGURE 5A

FIGURE 5B

Figure 6. Binding and signal transduction activities of the analogs in which BLA was attached to the α subunit residue.

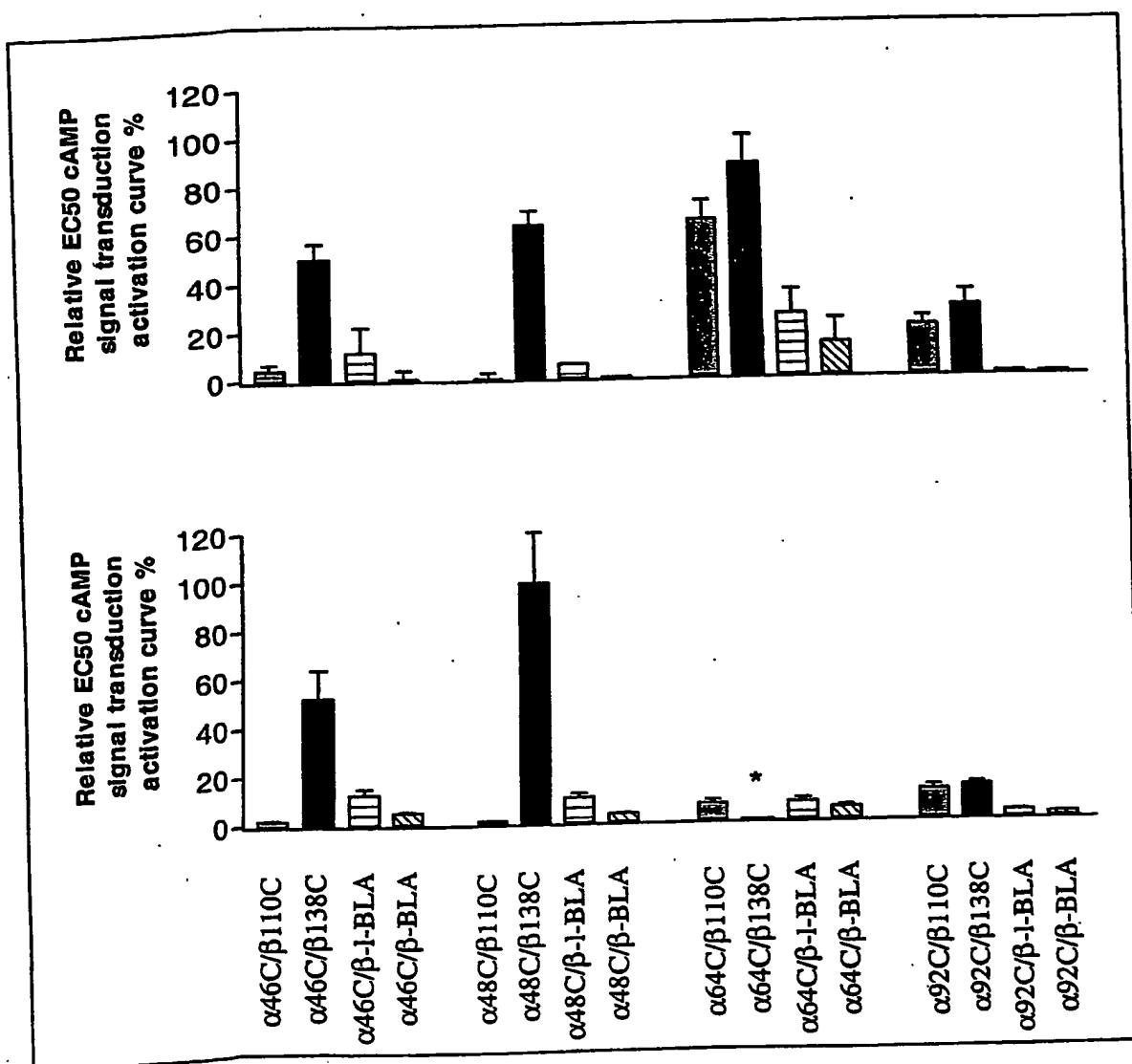


Figure 7: Amino acid sequences of the α -subunit and mutants having a substituted cysteine. (Note, the mutations are upper case and highlighted. These were prepared by standard cassette mutagenesis and PCR mutagenesis methods that are standard in the art.)

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α -hCG (SEQ ID NO: 1) :		apdvqdcpectlqenpffsqsgapil1qcmgccfsrasyptplrskkmlvqkravtsestcccvaksynrvrtvmsgfikvenhtachcstcyyhks								
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Figure 8: Amino acid sequences of the β -subunit analogs. (Note, the substituted cysteine is in uppercase and highlighted.)

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alcrssttdcgppkdhplctddprfqdsssskapppslpspsrlppsdtpilpq									
hCG-S138C β (SEQ ID NO: 37) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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CFC101-114 β (SEQ ID NO: 38) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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alcrssttdctvrglqpsycsfgefqdsssskapppslpspsrlppsdtpilpq									
CFC101-114, S138C β (SEQ ID NO: 39) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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hFSH β (SEQ ID NO: 40) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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FC1-108 β (SEQ ID NO: 41) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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FC1-108, S132C β (SEQ ID NO: 42) :	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
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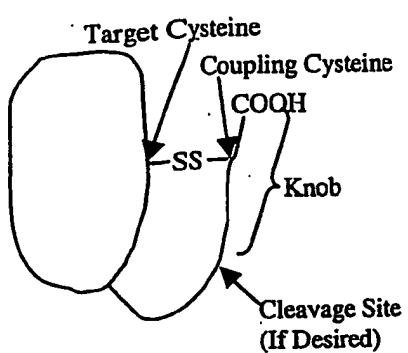


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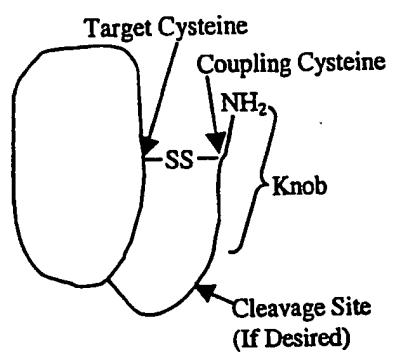


Figure 9B

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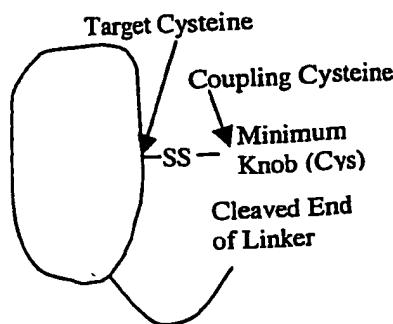


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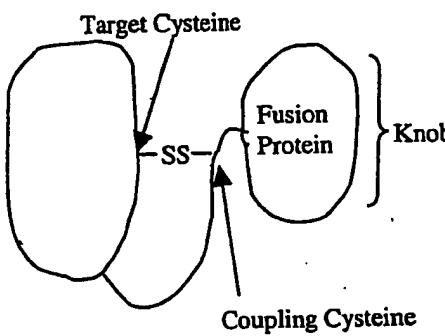


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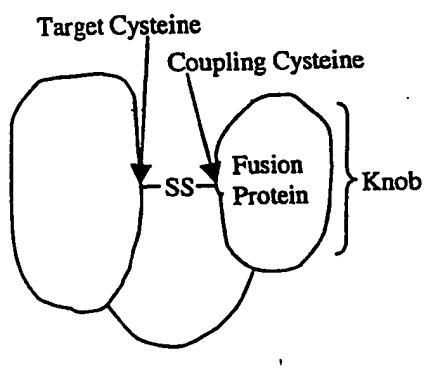


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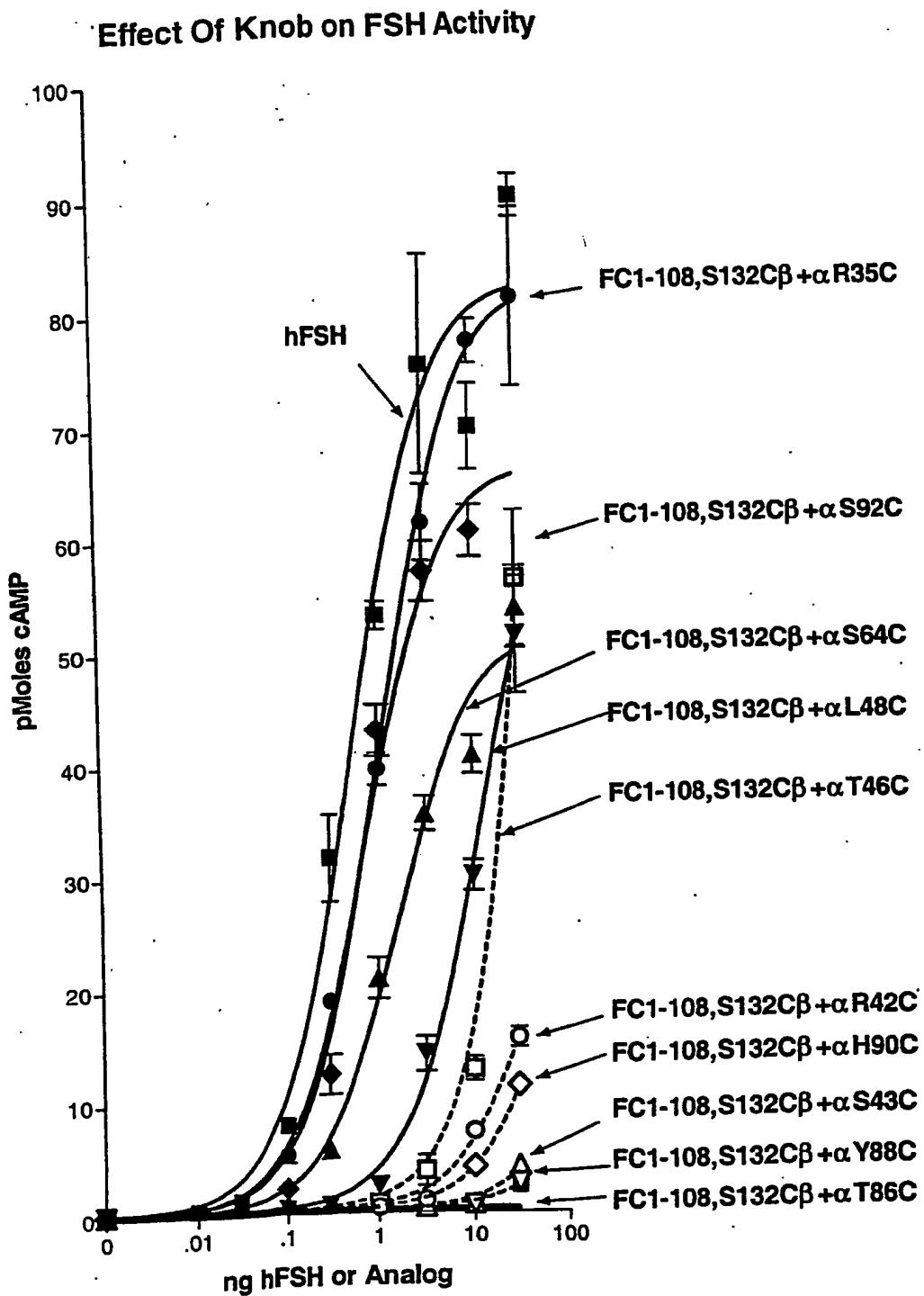


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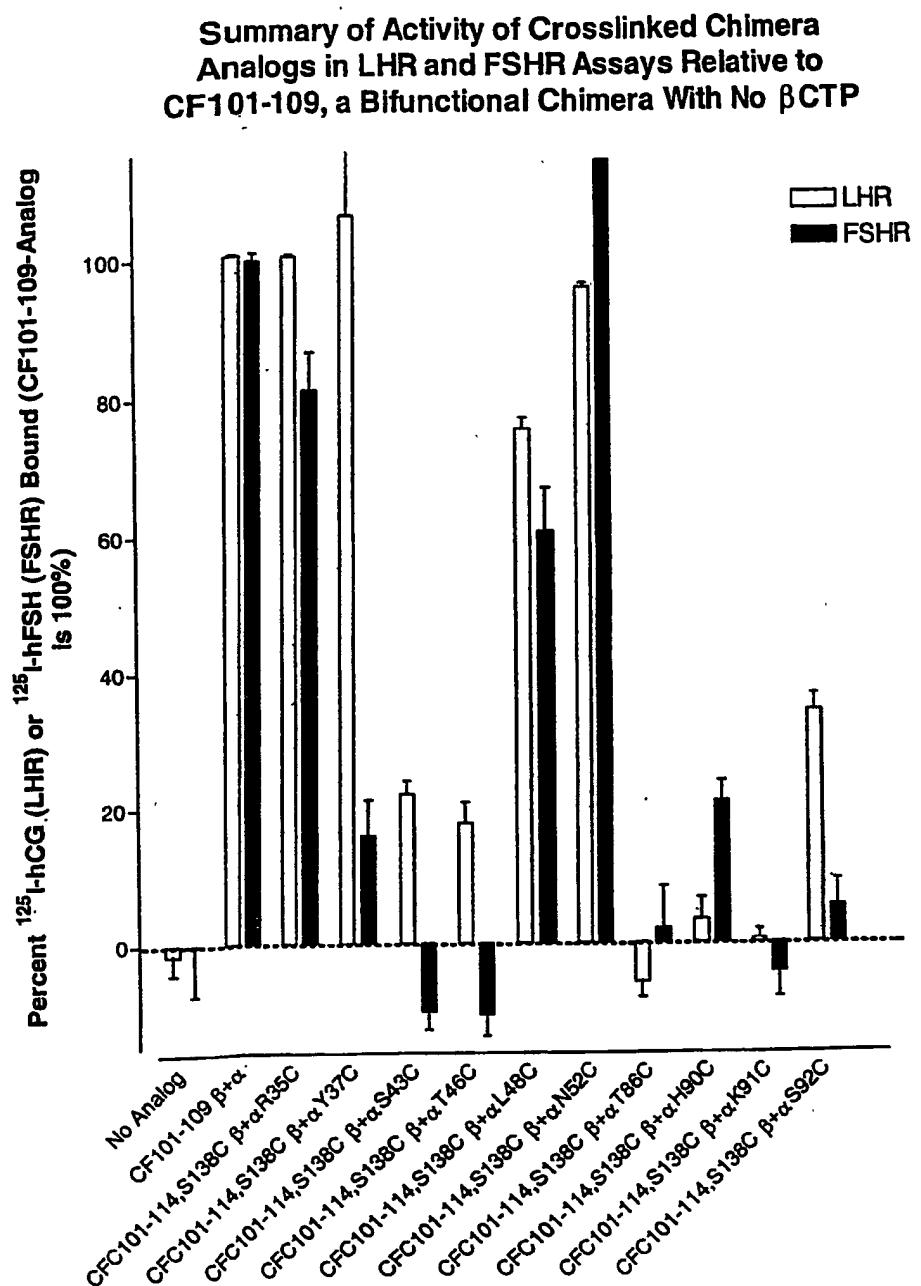


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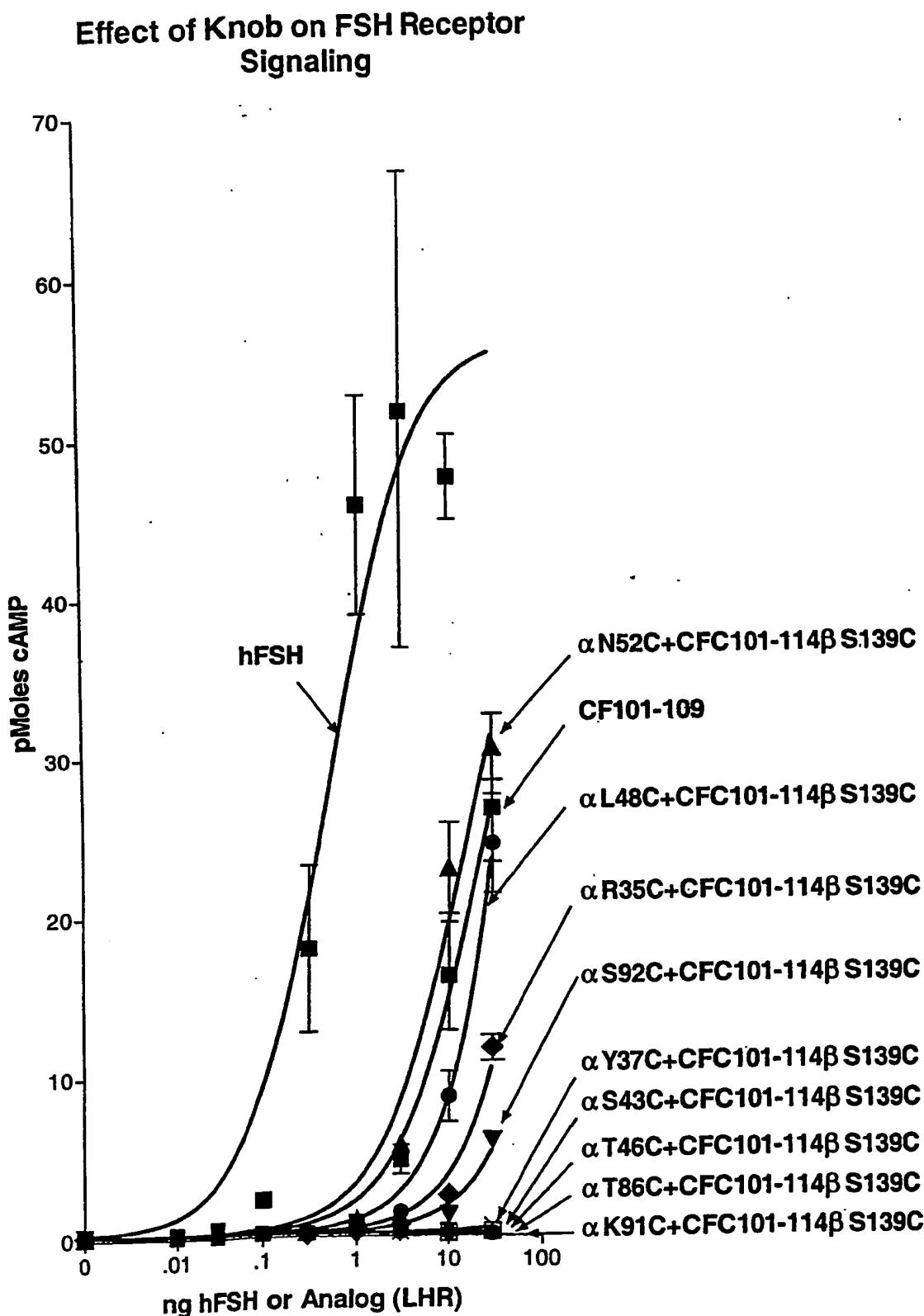


Figure 14

Effect of Knob on LH Receptor Signaling

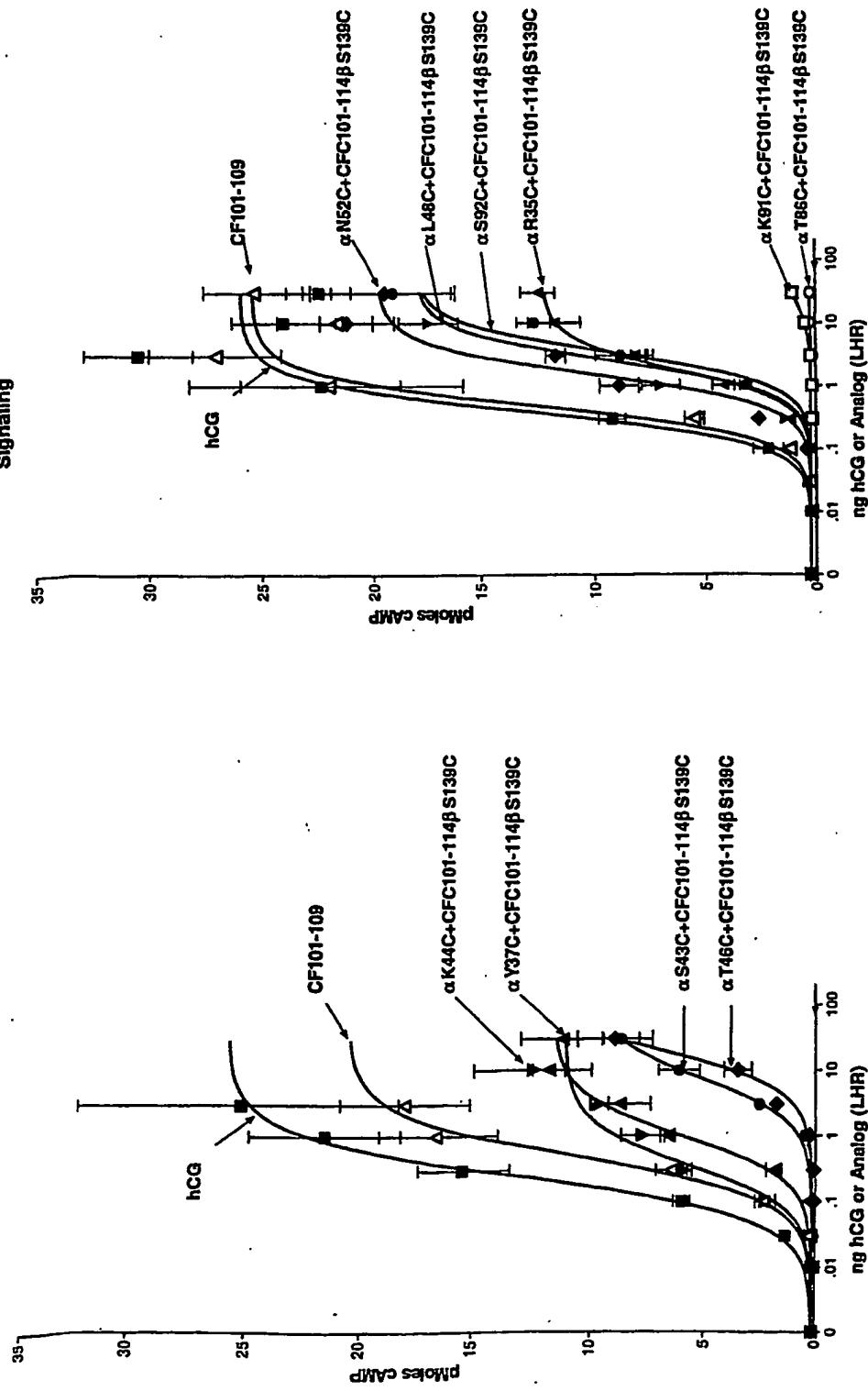


Figure 14A

Figure 14B

Figure 15: Amino acid sequences of other analogs:

hCG β ,S138C- β LA(short) (SEO ID NO: 43);

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hCG β ,S138C- β LA(long) (SEQ ID NO: 44):

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370 380 390 400 410
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Figure 15 (cont'd.)

hCG β , δ 121-135,S138C (SEQ ID NO: 46):

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100	110	120	130					
alcrsrsttcdggpkdhpltcddprfqdsssgpcdtplpq								

hCG β , δ 126-135,S138C (SEQ ID NO: 47):

10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
skeplrprcrpinatlavekegcpvcitvntticagycptmtrvlqgvlpalpqvvcnyrdvrfesirlpgcprgvppvssyavalscqc-								
100	110	120	130					
alcrsrsttcdggpkdhpltcddprfqdsssgpcdtplpq								

hCG β , δ 131-135,S138C (SEQ ID NO: 48):

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100	110	120	130	140				
alcrsrsttcdggpkdhpltcddprfqdsssgpcdtplpq								

10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
ok91E (SEQ ID NO: 49) :	apdvqdcpectlqenpfssqgapil1qcmgccfsrayptplrskktmlvqknvtsestccvaksynrvtmggfkrvenhtachcstcyyhks							
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Figure 16

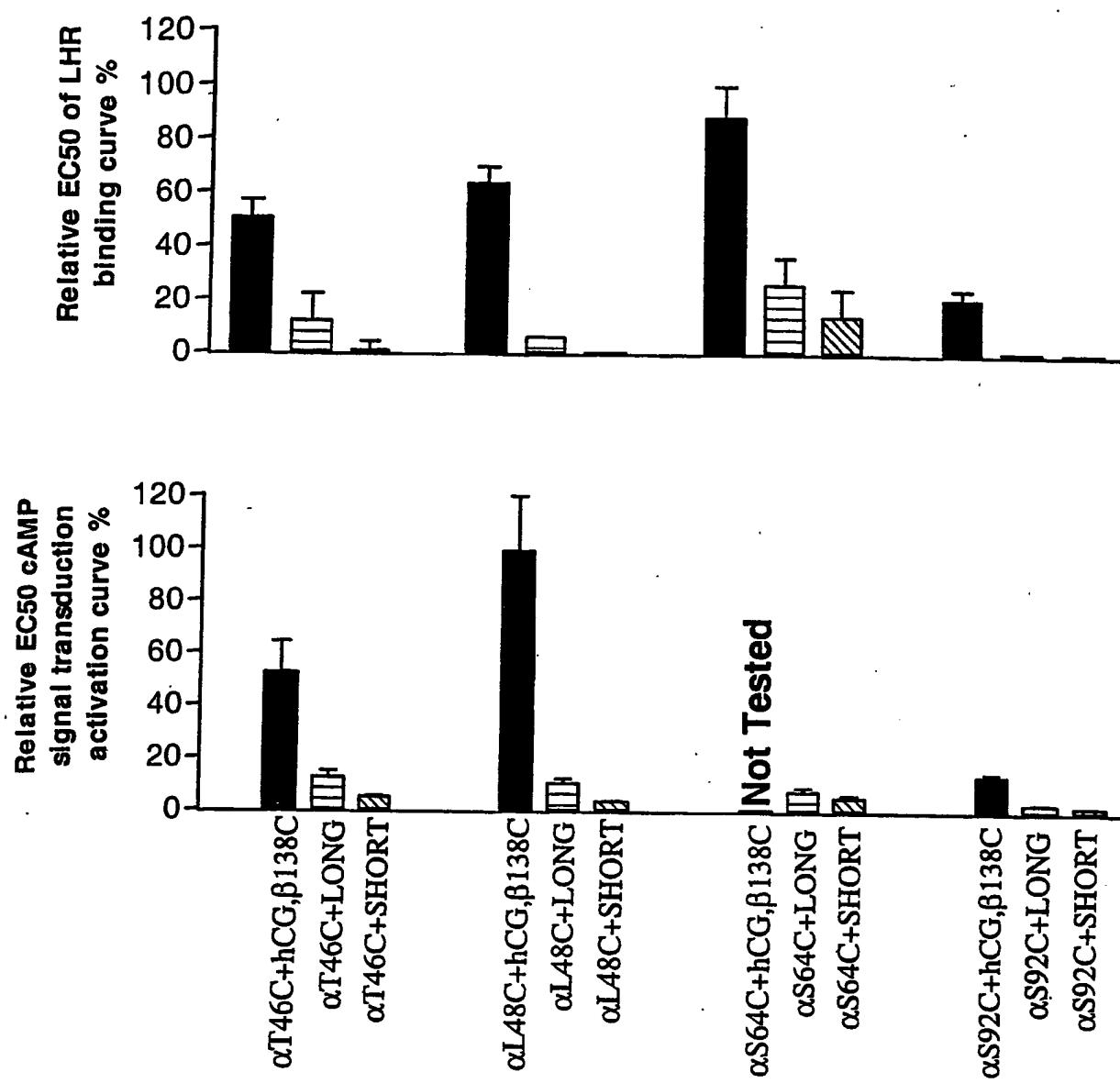


Figure 17

Lutropin Activity of hCG Analogs Having β -Lactamase Knobs

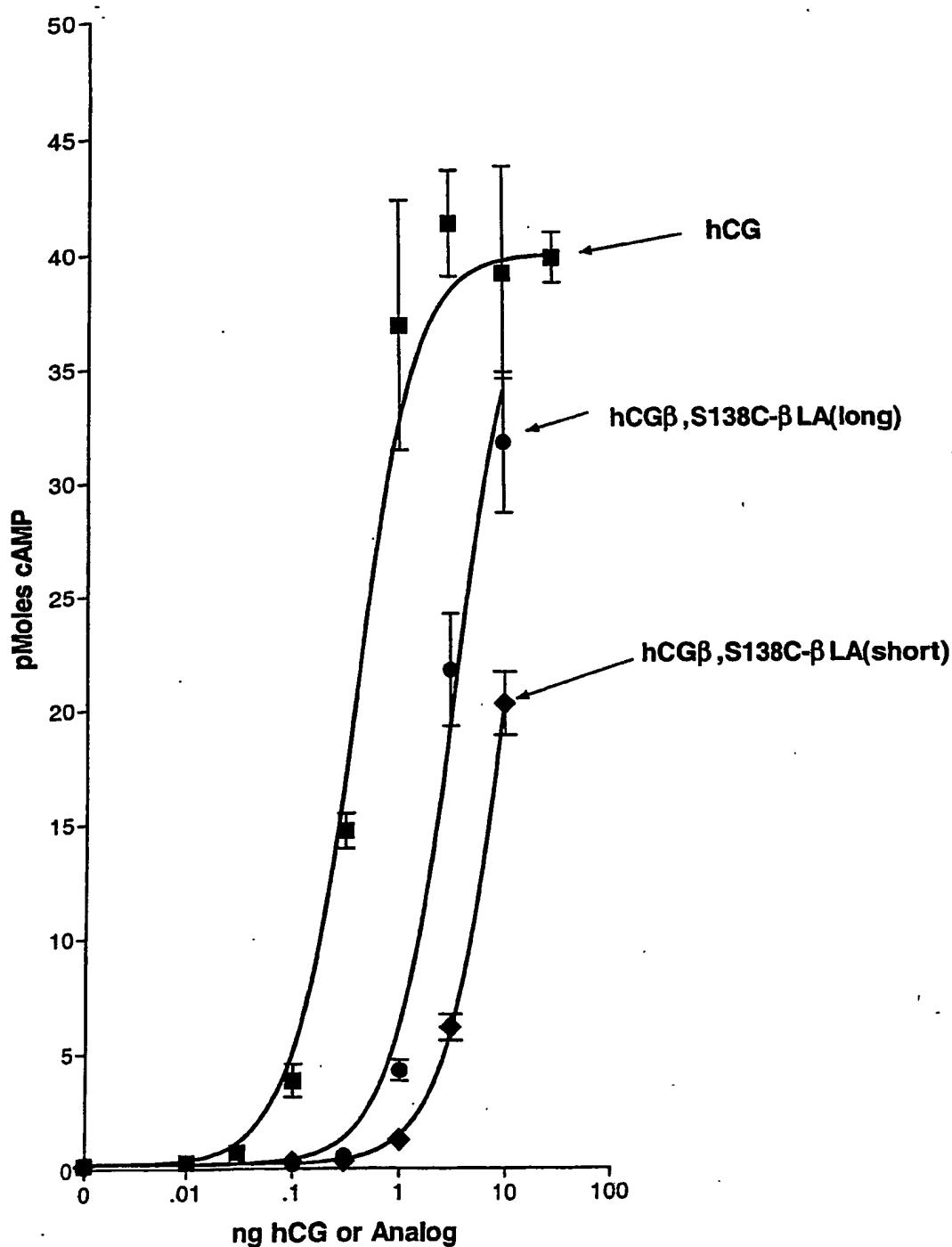


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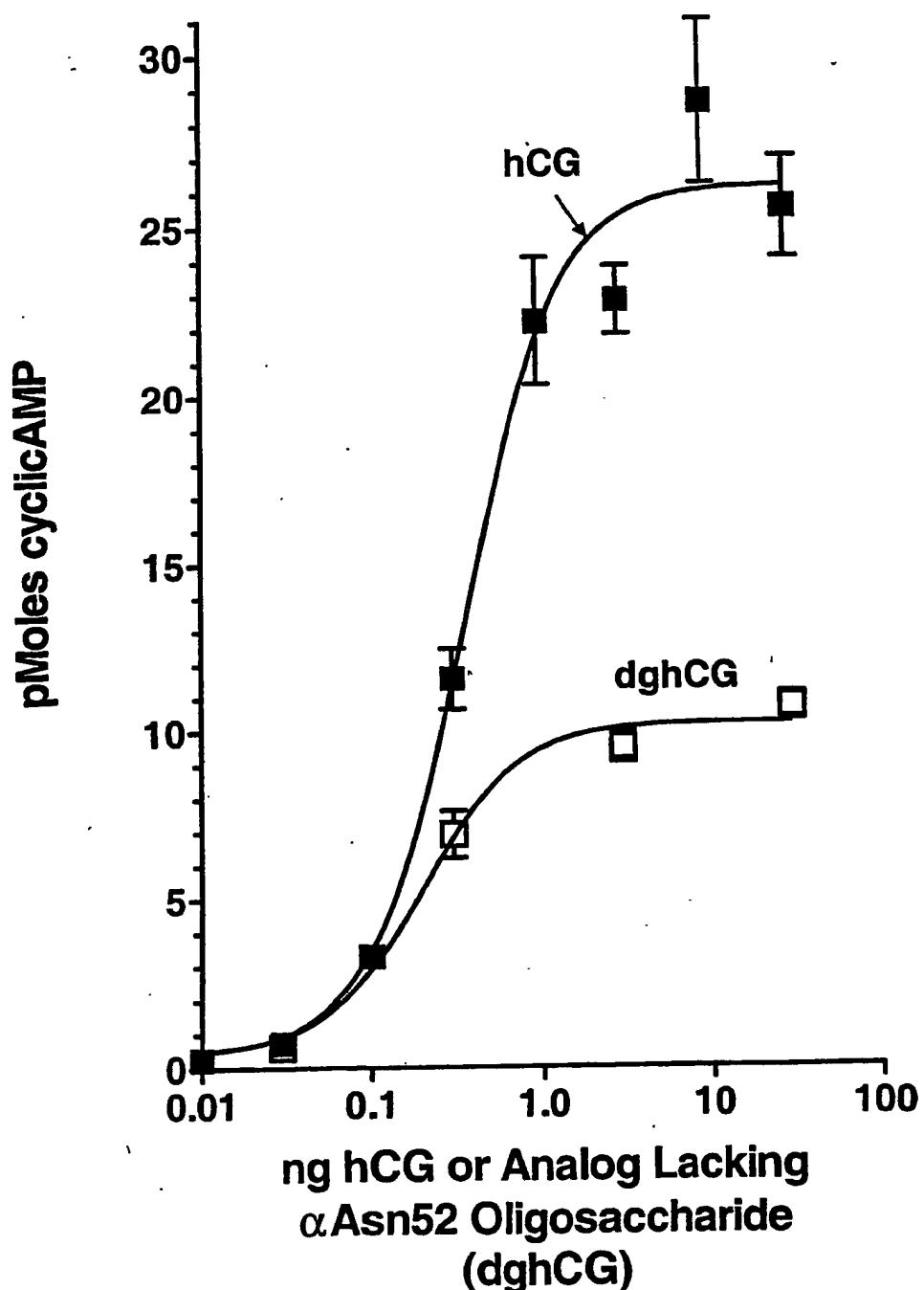


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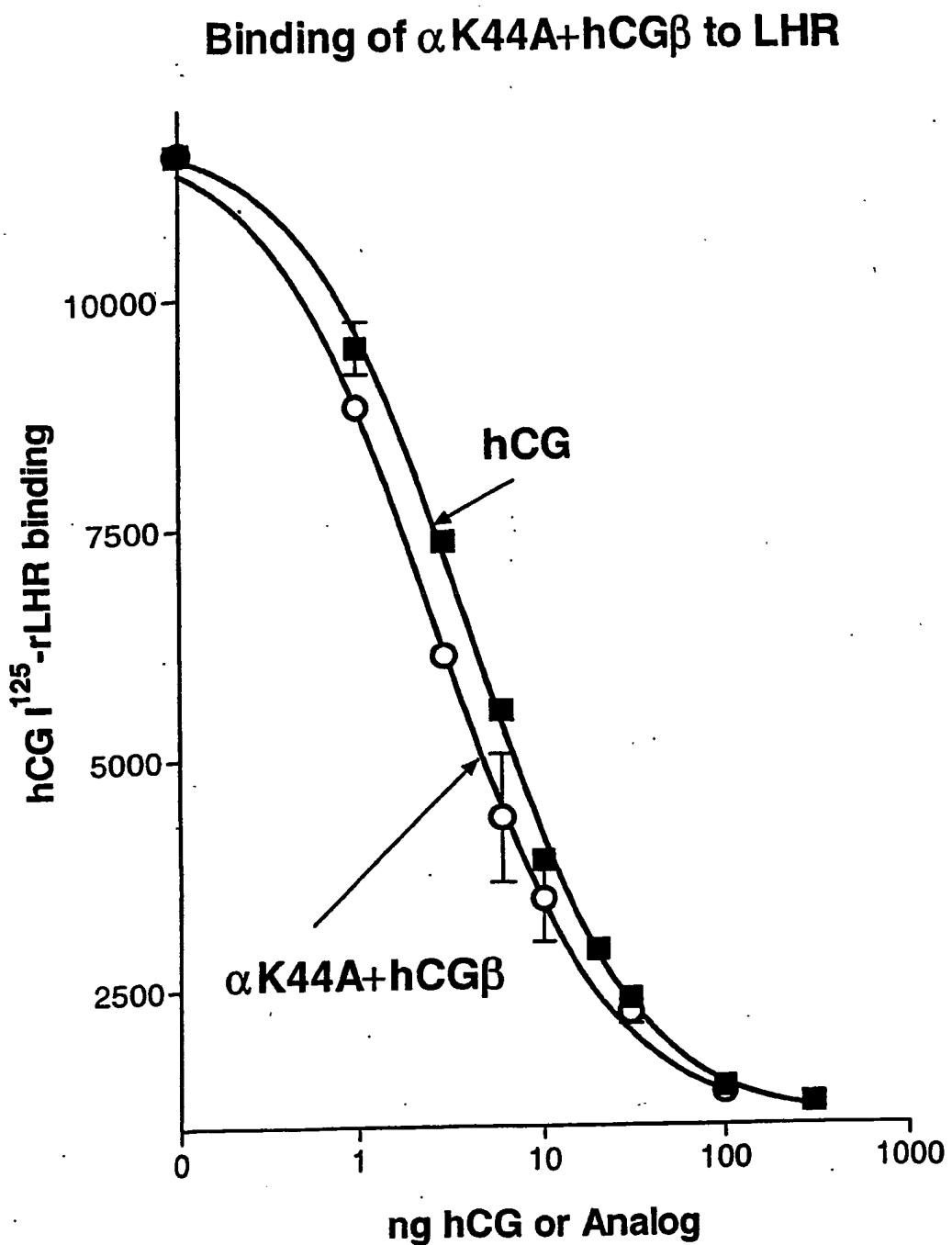


FIGURE 20
**Binding of hCG and hCG
 Analog α K44E,K45Q+hCG β
 to LHR**

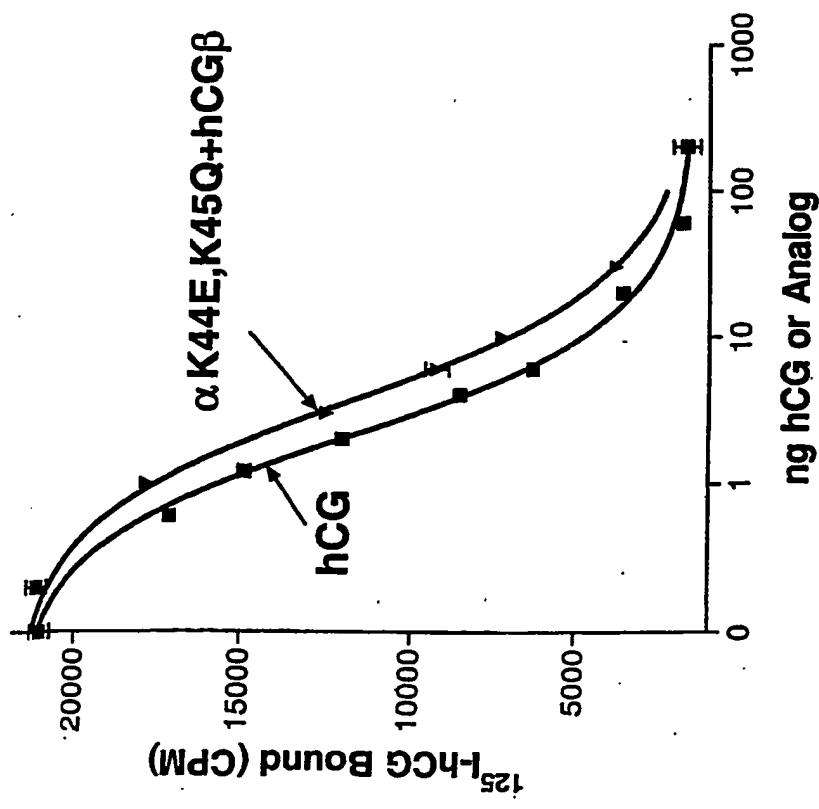
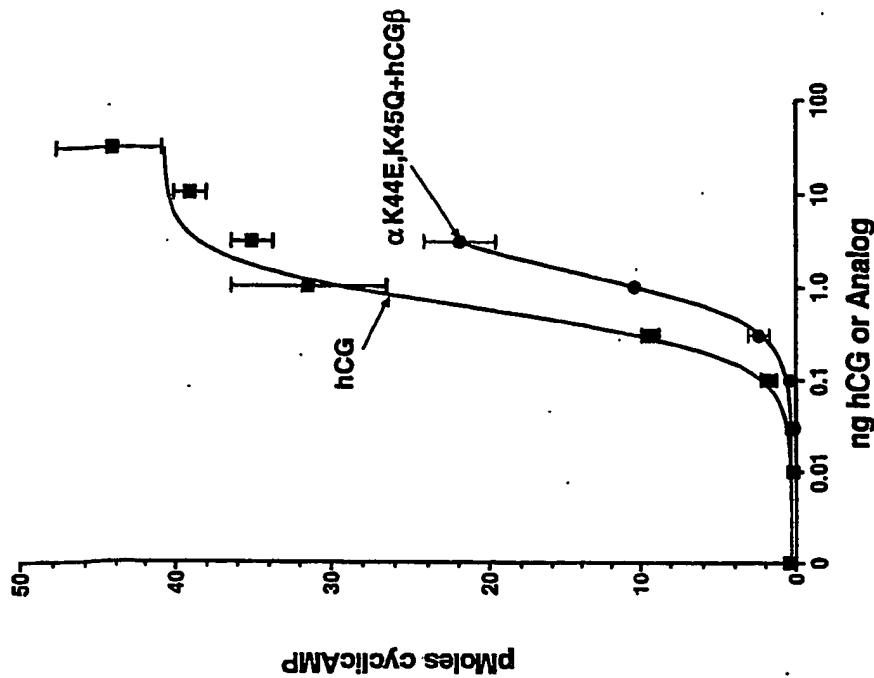
**FIGURE 20A**

FIGURE 20B
**LHR CyclicAMP Response to hCG and
 α K44E,K45Q+hCG β**

**FIGURE 20B**

**Relative Activities of hCG and
 α K91E+hCG β in LHR cyclic AMP
 Accumulation Assays**

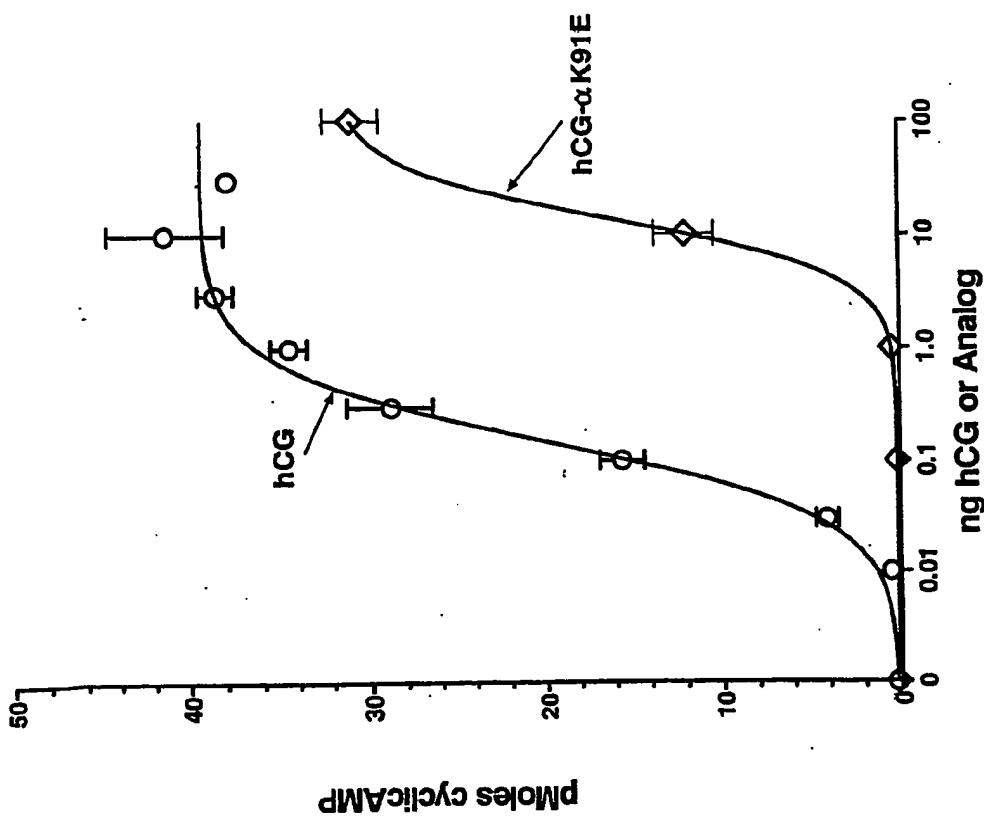


FIGURE 21B

**Binding of hCG and hCG Analog
 α K91E+hCG β to LHR**

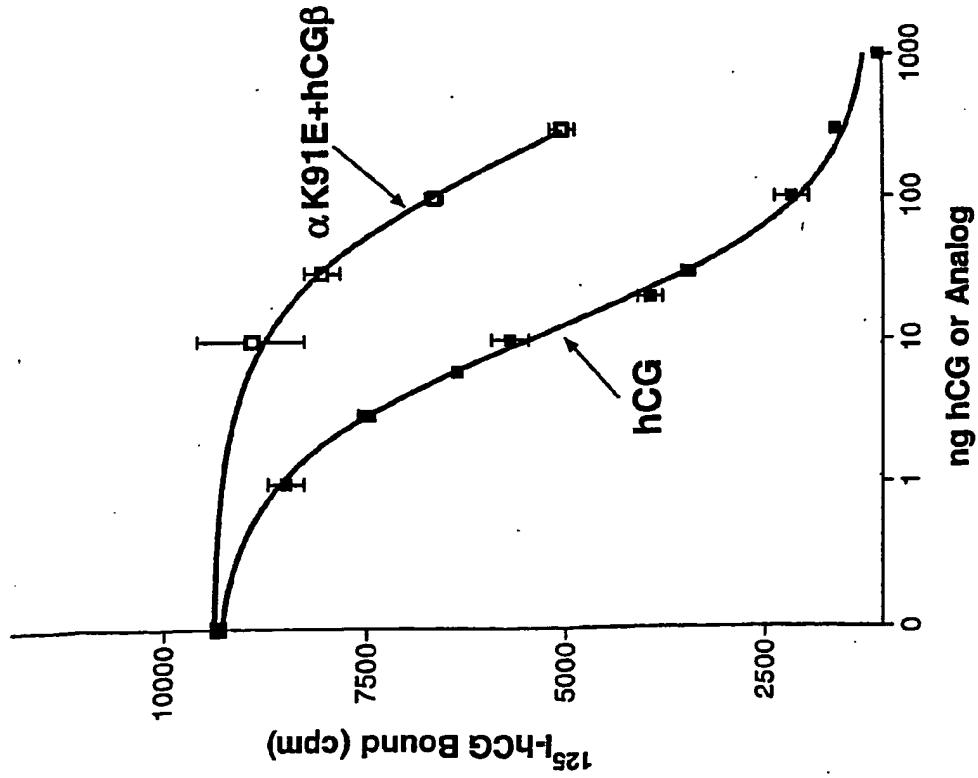
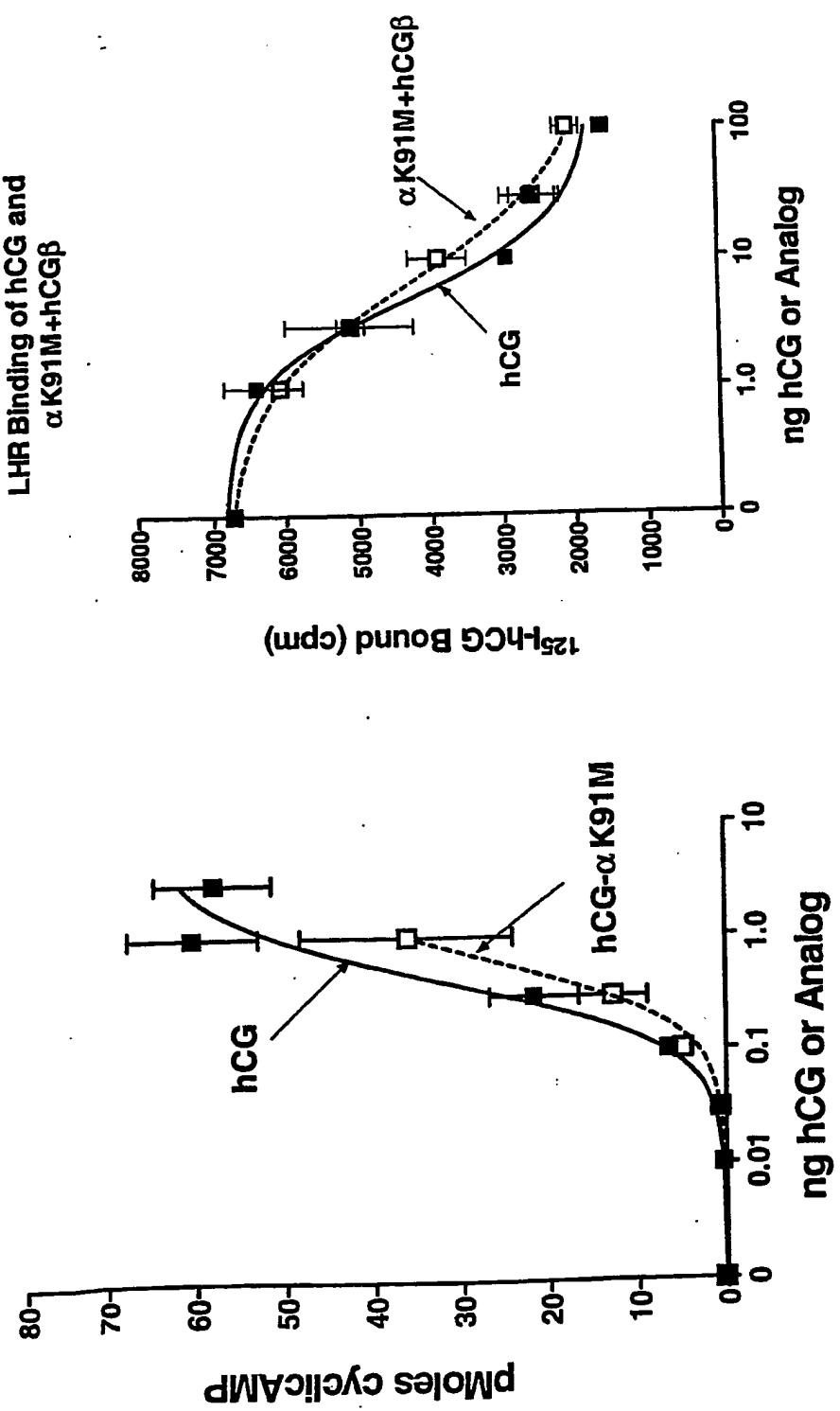


FIGURE 21A

FIGURE 21

FIGURE 22
LHR CyclicAMP Response
hCG and α K91M+hCG β



LHR Binding of hCG and
 α K91M+hCG β

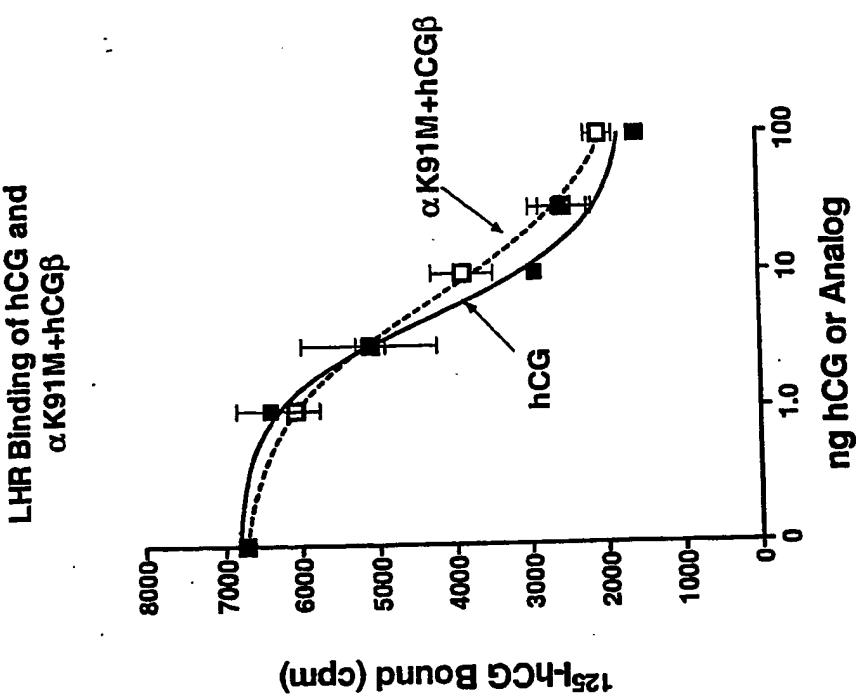


FIGURE 22B

FIGURE 22A

FIGURE 23

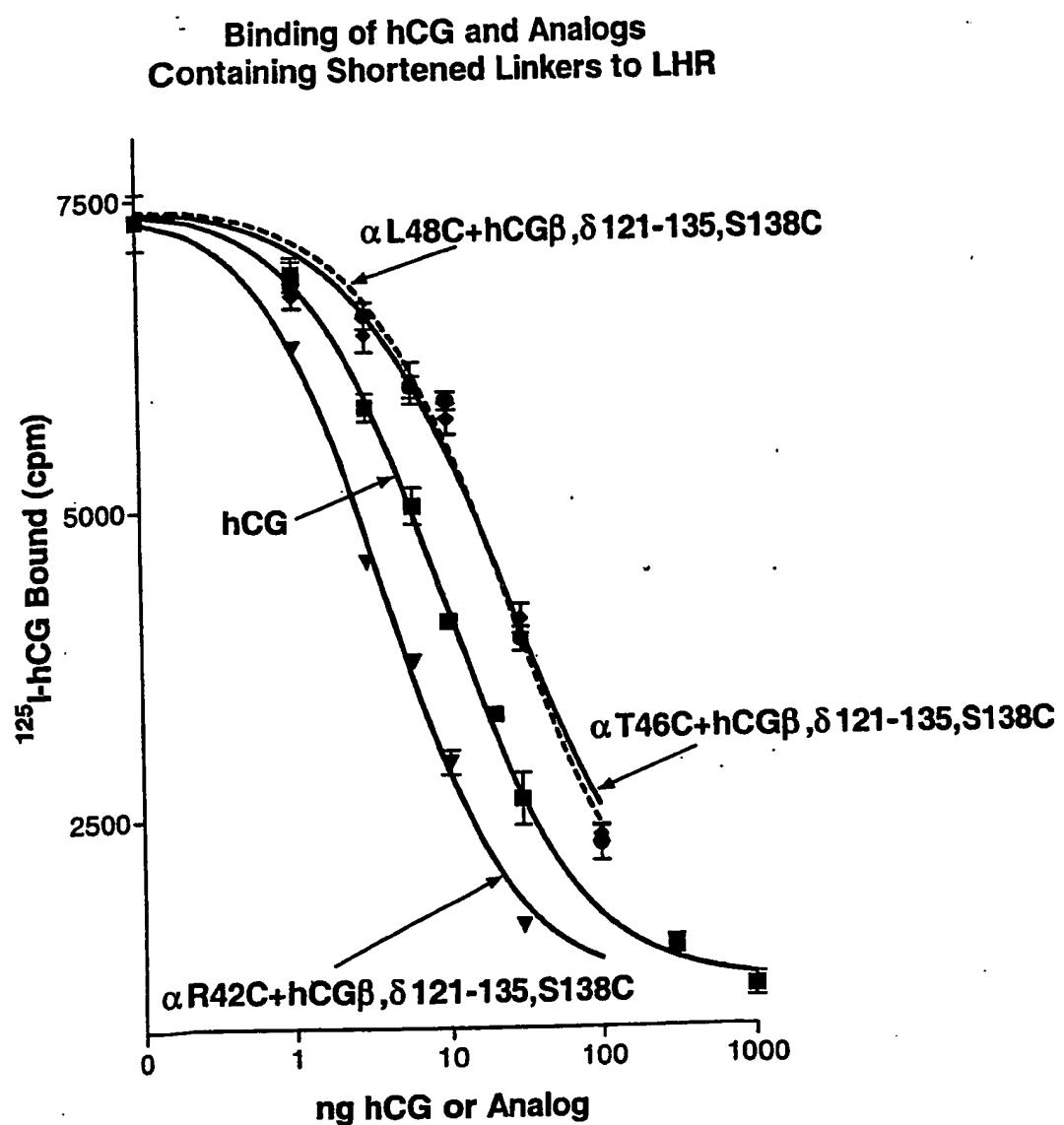


FIGURE 24

Binding of hCG and an Analog Containing a Shortened Linker to LHR

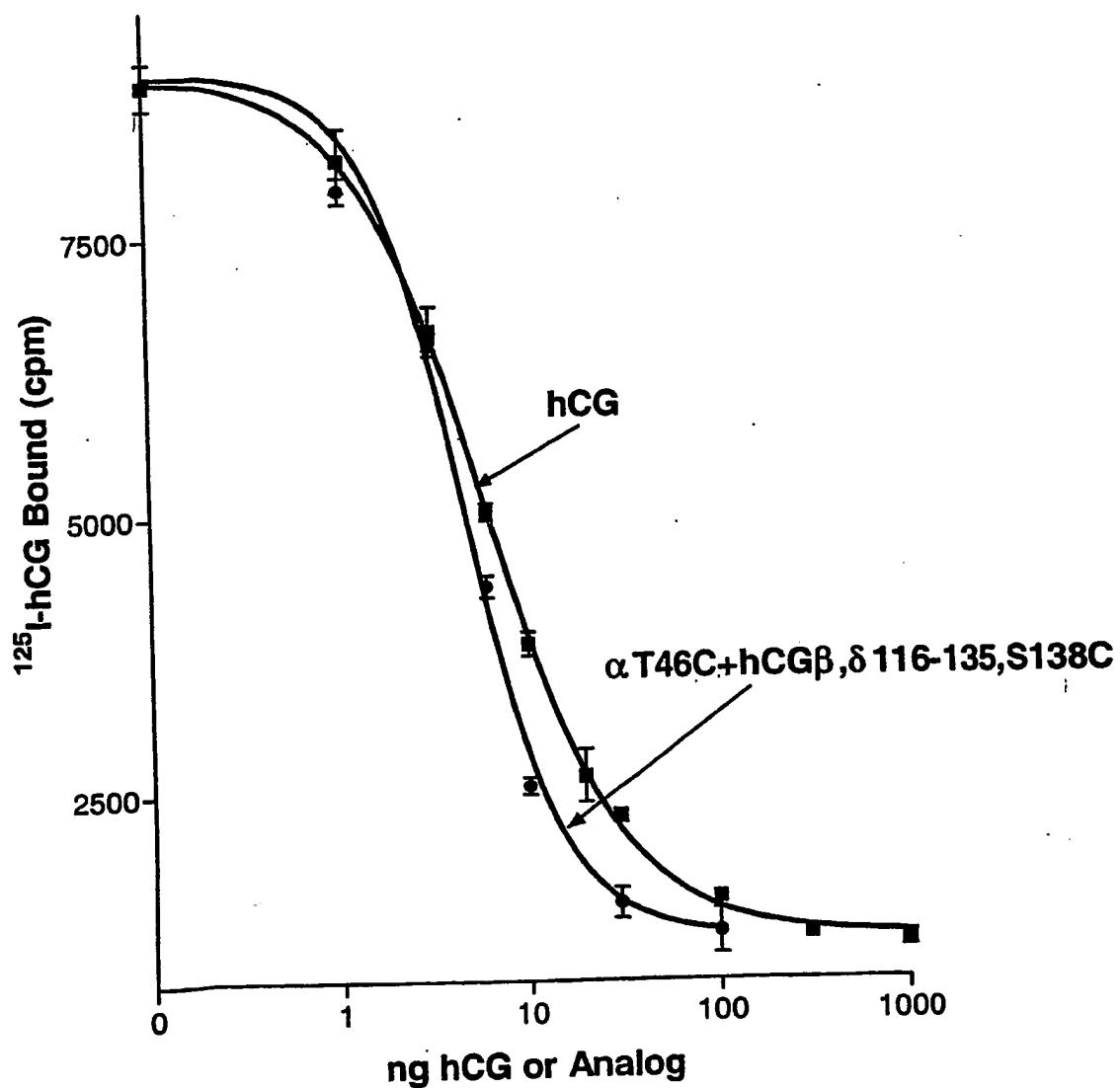
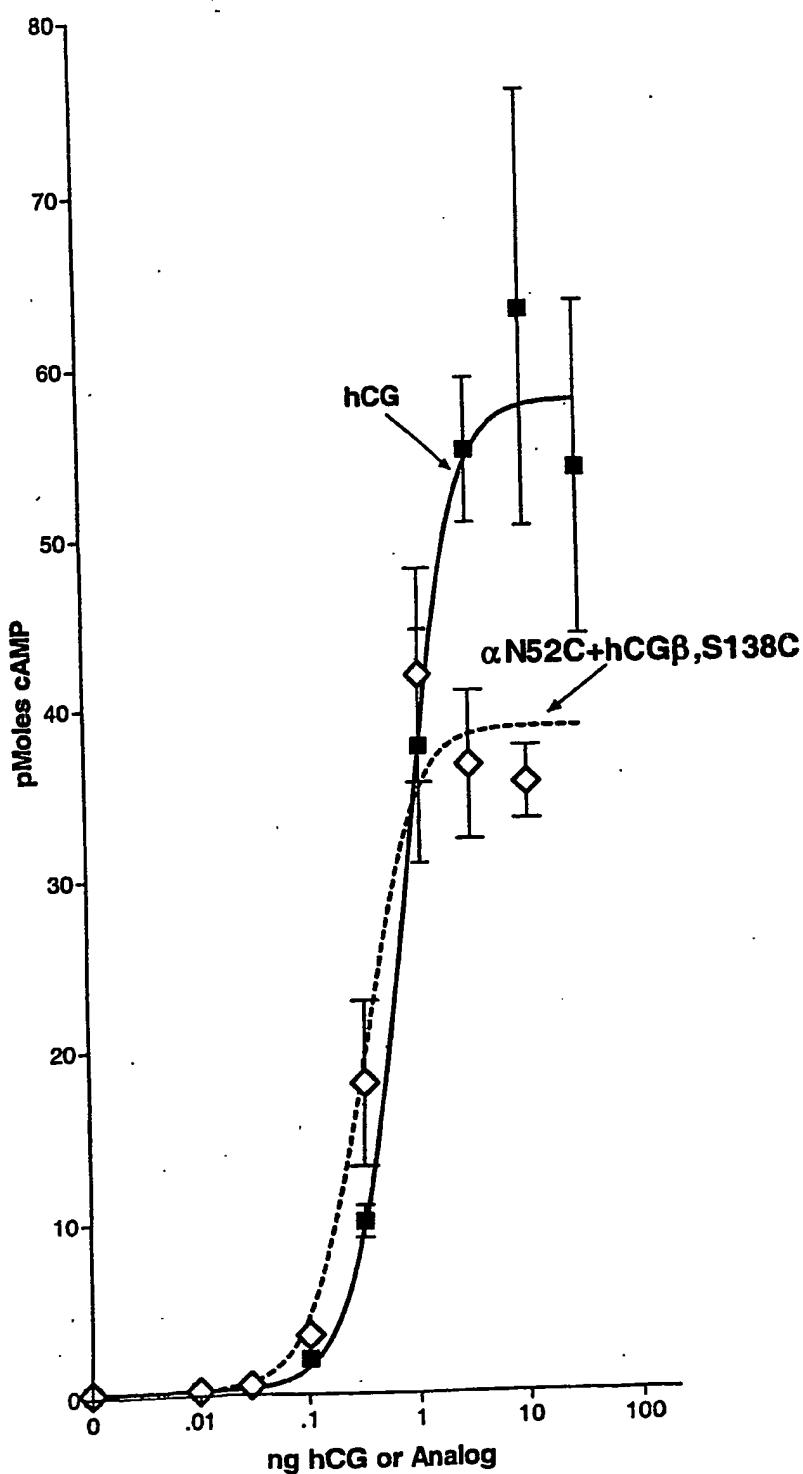


FIGURE 25

**Stimulation of LHR cyclic AMP by
hCG and α N52C+hCG β ,S138C**

**Binding of hCG Analogs in which a Tail Added
to the α -Subunit is Used to Add a Knob to
 β -Subunit Residues 96, 97, or 98**

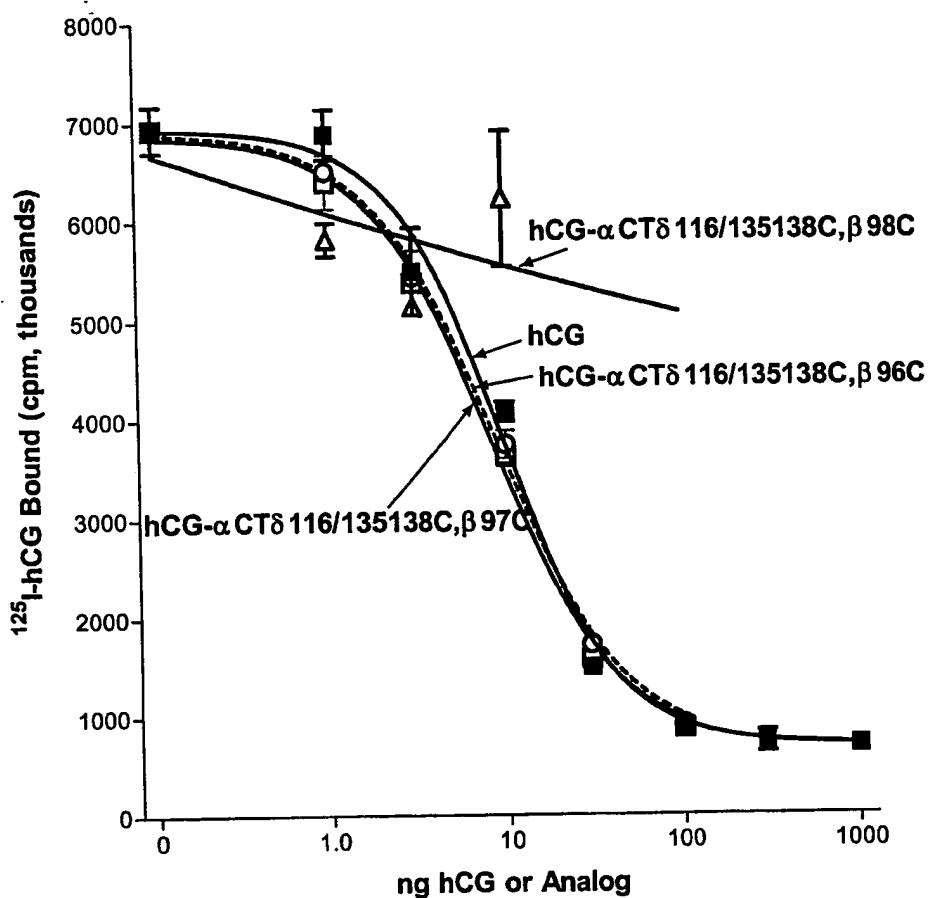


Figure 26

Signaling of hCG Analogs in which a Truncated Tail Added to the α -Subunit is Used to Add a Knob to β -Subunit Residues 98 and 99

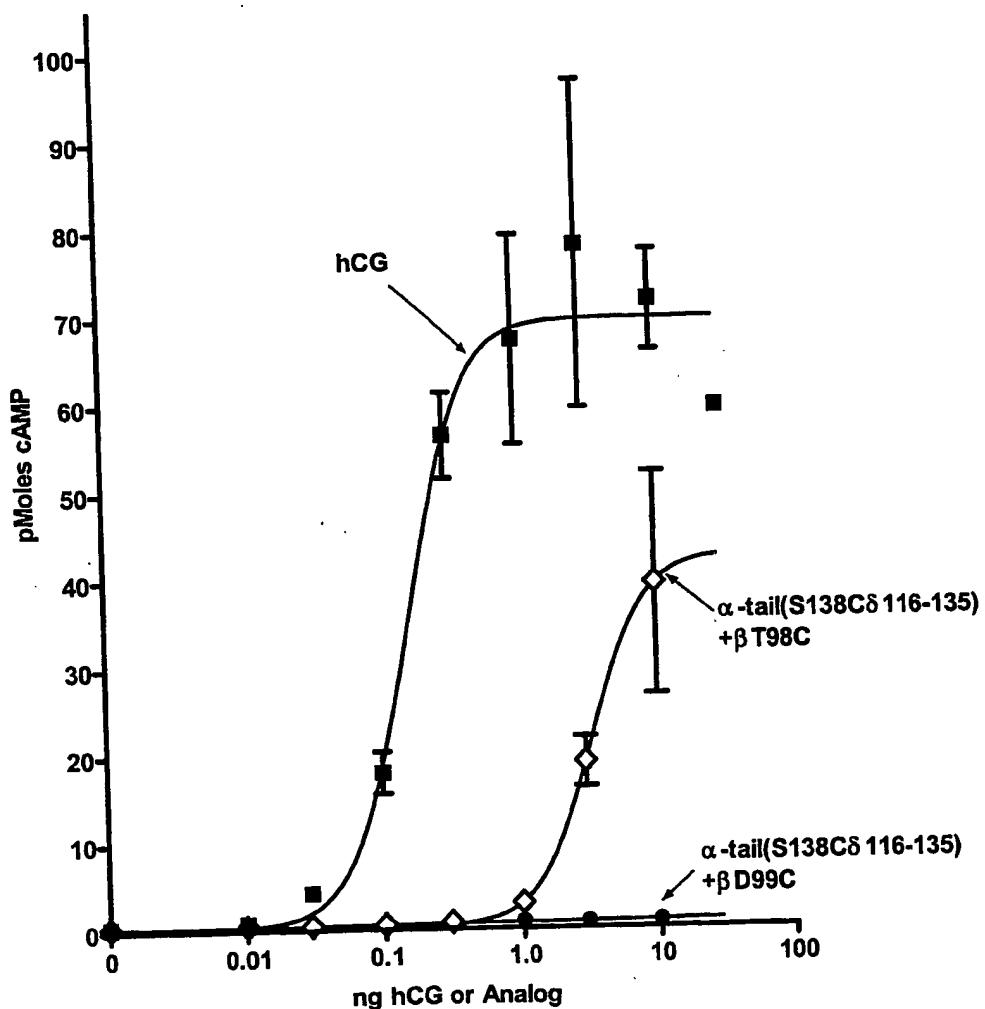


Figure 27

**Binding of hCG Analogs in which a Tail Added
to the α -Subunit is Used to Add a Knob to
 β -Subunit Residues 95 or 96**

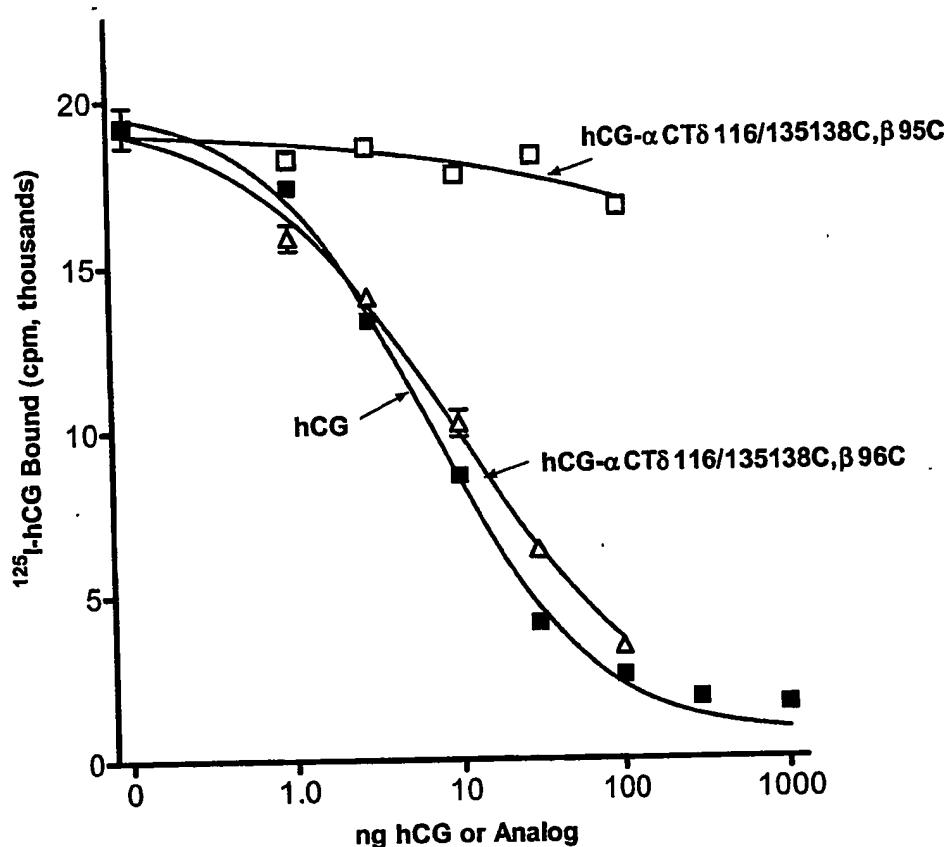


Figure 28

**Signaling of hCG Analogs in which a Tail Added
to the α -Subunit is Used to Add a Knob to
 β -Subunit Residues 95 or 96**

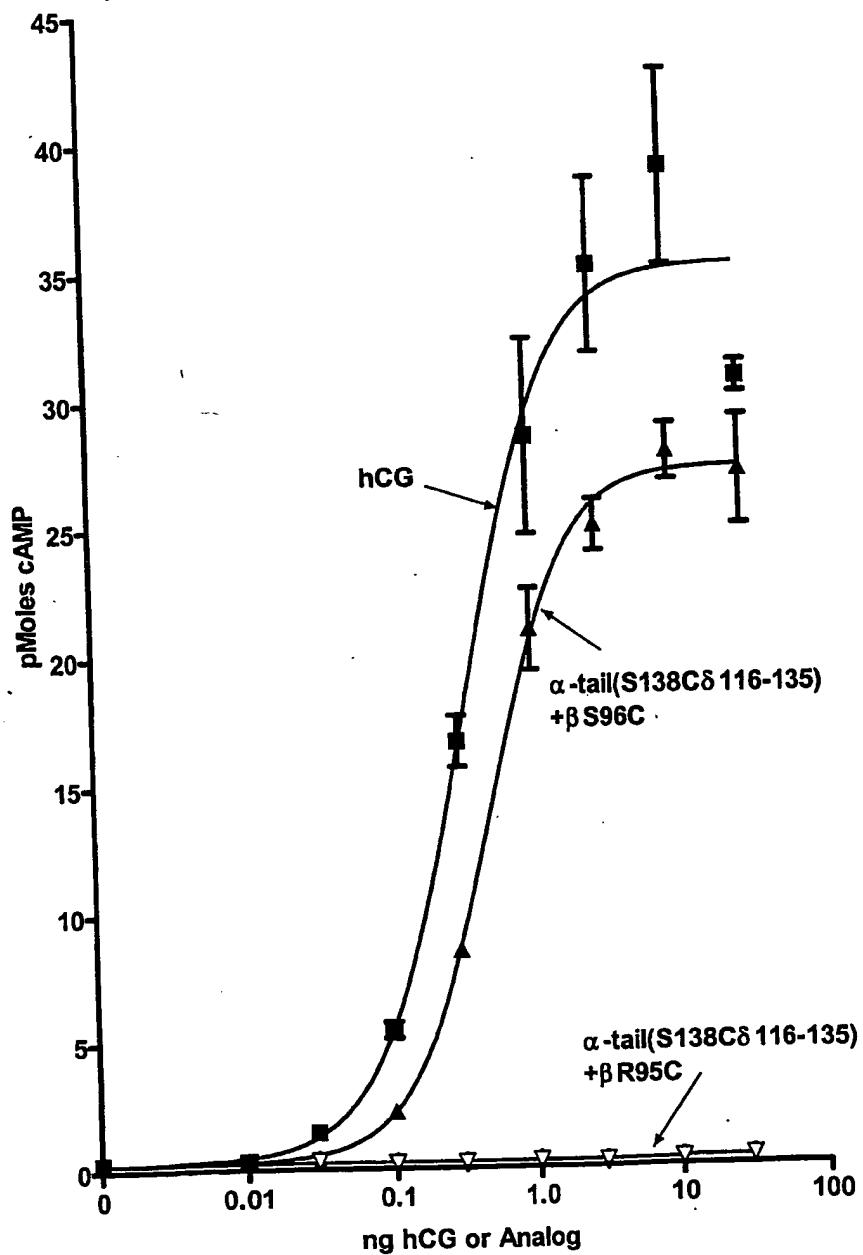


Figure 29

Signaling of hCG Analogs in which In which a GGC Tail on the α -Subunit was Used to Attach a Cysteine Knob to β -Subunit residue 96 and in which a Truncated β -Subunit Tail at the End of the α -Subunit Was used to attach a Knob to Cysteine 96 of a Bifunctional Chimera

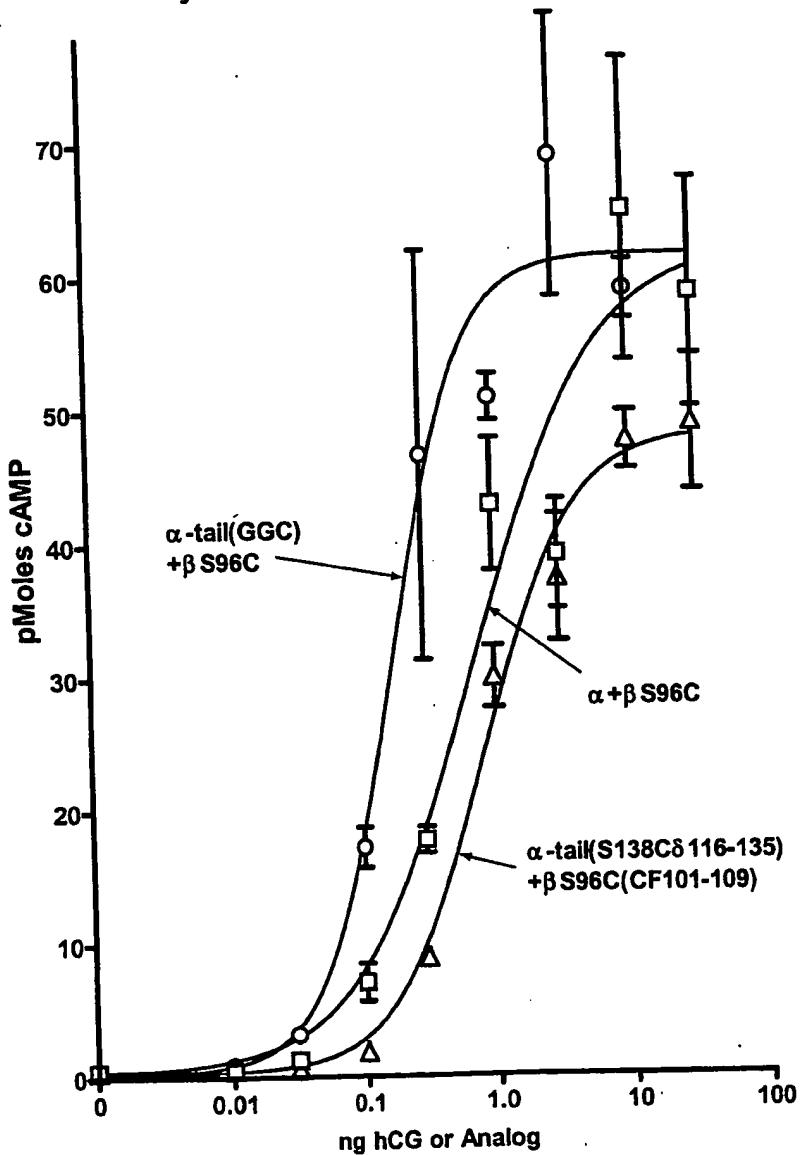


Figure 30

Signaling of hCG Analogs in which a Truncated Tail Added to the α -Subunit is Used to Add a Knob to β -Subunit Residues 98 or 99

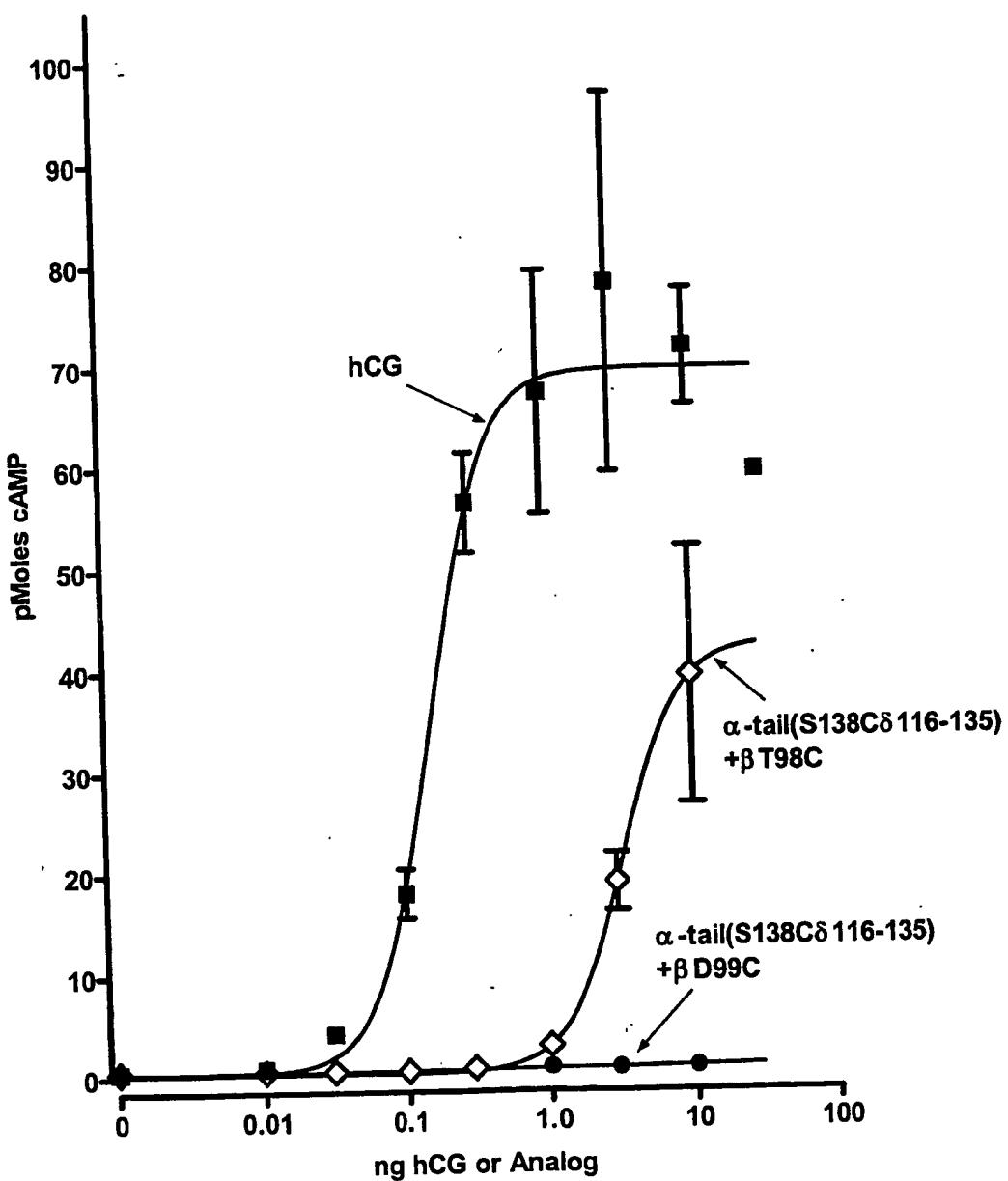


Figure 31

**Influence of the Size of Knob Attached to
 β -Subunit Residue 95 on Signal Transduction**

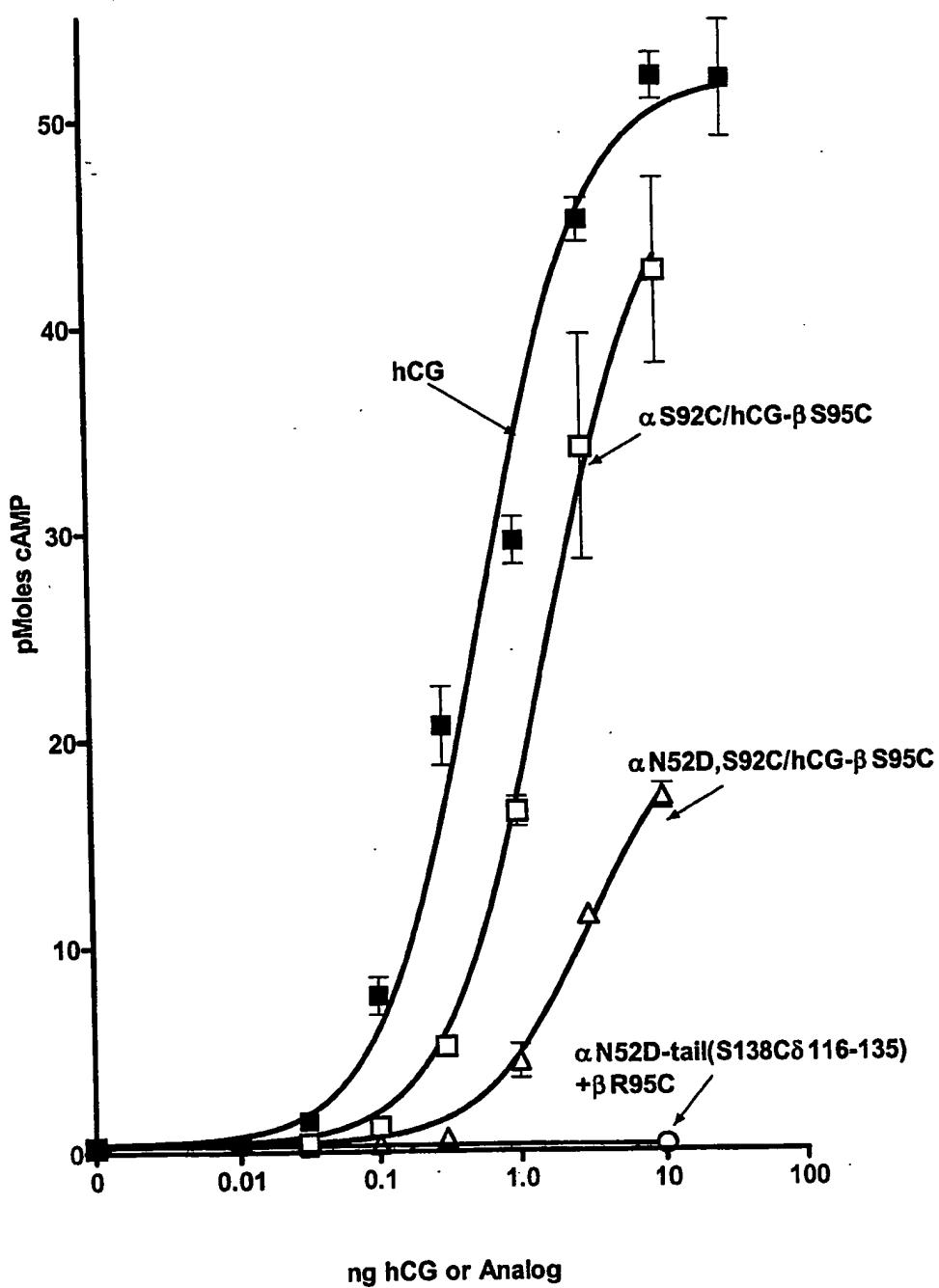


Figure 32

CyclicAMP Response to Disulfide Crosslinked hCG Analogs

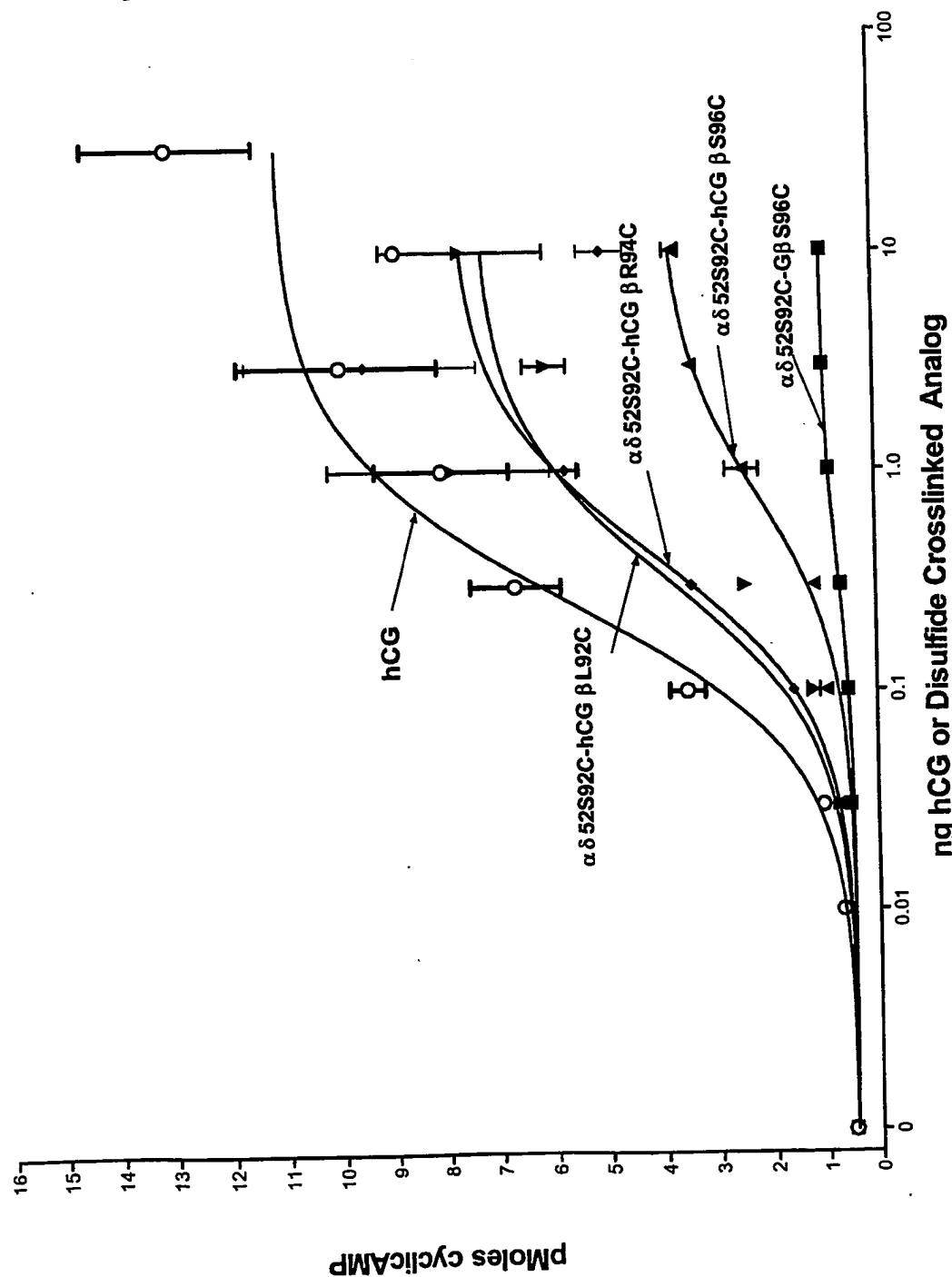


Figure 33